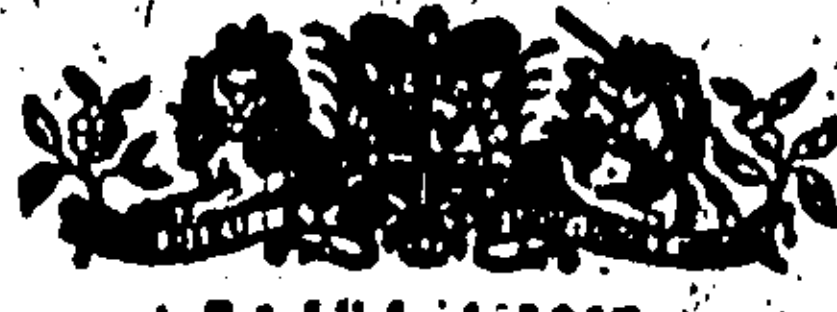




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New Opportunity

NOTHING could be more satisfactory than the manner in which Israel has withdrawn her forces from the Gaza strip and the Gulf of Aqaba. The operation has been completed in 48 hours, smoothly and without rancour, and the United Nations Emergency Force is in occupation. Thus closes another chapter in the Israeli-Egyptian dispute—a chapter invested with some historic importance by virtue of the role which UNO played in bringing about the cessation of hostilities and its creation of a supervisory army.

Mr Ben Gurion's decision to carry out the United Nations' directive to withdraw wholly from Egyptian territory has manifestly eased tension in the Middle East. One effect—and a highly important one for West Europe—is that Syria is now permitting the restoration of the oil pipe line to the Mediterranean. Resumption of this supply line is also going to bring material benefits to a number of Arab states.

THE Israeli invasion of Egypt and the armed intervention of Britain and France were undoubtedly ill-judged adventures, yet it is equally true they injected new life and purpose in the UN and encouraged the world organisation to assert its authority in a remarkably effective manner. It can assume its future responsibilities with revitalised confidence.

Withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza and the Gulf of Aqaba has achieved its intended but limited purpose, but has not of course settled the many problems of the Middle East. Egypt has still to show her hand in the new situation that has been created. Will she defy world opinion and persist in her discrimination against Israeli shipping? Will she challenge the authority of the UNEF by the resumption of commando raids? Will she refuse to reach an acceptable agreement on the future status and operation of the Suez Canal?

So far President Nasser has kept remarkably quiet, probably because he feels that by so doing he strengthens his position. Nevertheless in the very near future he will have to indicate whether or not he is willing to contribute to a peaceful settlement of the Israeli-Arab dispute; whether Egypt, like Britain, France and Israel, is prepared to accept and abide by United Nations resolutions; or whether it is his intention to keep the Middle East in turmoil; to continue the blockade of Israel and to prevent internationalisation of the Suez Canal.

A new opportunity presents itself for bringing to an end the state of war which exists between Egypt and Israel and it is one which calls for active participation by the United Nations. Egypt's obligations to acknowledge the voice of the world organisation are no less than those of all other members, and if necessary she must be made to accept its decisions.

In Tomorrow's China Mail

The Michael Parker story continues exclusively in tomorrow's feature-packed edition of the China Mail. Don't miss the conclusion of this popular series.

It is only one of the topnotch features you'll find in a paper which includes tomorrow's tips for the meeting at the Valley, Gilles, local and overseas pictures and all your regular favourites.

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- ★ A Hongkong magazine you'll want to see more of;

These are some other highlights in tomorrow's China Mail.

SHOCK SLUMP IN TORY VOTE

Eden Majority Slashed In Warwick By-Election BRISTOL WEST MARGIN CUT

London, Mar. 7.

Voters in by-elections today dealt fresh blows at the Conservative Government's prestige, slashing its majority in Sir Anthony Eden's former seat, Warwick and Leamington, by five-sixths, and in Bristol West by one-third.

At Warwick and Leamington, the Government majority fell by more than 11,000, and the Conservative's share of the total votes polled slumped by the new record figure of 12 per cent.

Nasser Lifts Bonnet Ban

Cairo, Mar. 7.

The Egyptian sponsored Middle East News Agency said tonight the explosives in the tug Edgar Bonnet would be completely removed within 24 hours and the United Nations could then clear it from the Suez Canal.

This should allow ships of up to 10,000 tons to use the Canal.—China Mail Special.

EUROPE HAILS PETROL NEWS

London, Mar. 7.

Europe today looked to welcome relief from petrol shortages following Syria's decision yesterday to repair blown-up oil pipelines.

Joyful British headlines announced that Persian Gulf oil would probably start flowing from Iraq in two weeks at a monthly rate of about 800,000 tons.

Some papers predicted an end to Britain's tight petrol rationing by June.

Although Europe's main oil lifeline, the Suez Canal, remains blocked, the new oil flow will provide relief to countries which have lived for months with petrol-saving contraptions, Sunday driving bans and uncomfortably high fuel prices.

The London Times reported today that the oil expected to flow shortly from Iraq represented about ten per cent of Europe's consumption—a vital ten per cent.

The reopening of the Syrian pipelines will also mean a reduction in costly dollar oil imports from the United States. Trans-Atlantic tankers carrying about 400,000 tons a month are expected to be diverted to the Mediterranean as soon as possible.—United Press.

Today's contests followed on several recent Government reverses. At North Lewisham, Labour captured the Conservative seat; at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, the defending Socialist increased his majority and the Government share of votes dropped by 11½ per cent. At Carmarthen, Wales, Labour defeated a Conservative-backed Liberal.

The Results

Result of the Warwick and Leamington contest, declared tonight, was:

Mr John Hobson, Conservative, 24,248.
Mr William Wilson, Labour, 22,353.
Conservative majority 2,137, compared with 13,466 in the 1955 general election.

At Bristol West the result also announced tonight, was:

Mr Robert Cooke, Conservative, 24,248.
Mr William Rodgers, Labour, 22,353.
Conservative majority 2,137, compared with 13,466 in the 1955 general election.

Socialists claimed tonight's results were a fresh demonstration that the Government's Suez policy, the rising cost of living, and a new Conservative bill which will raise rents have lost it the confidence of the electorate.

They consider the Warwick and Leamington result the biggest knock which the Government has taken as the current series of eight by-elections, of which three have still to be polled. Mr Wilson, the Labour candidate called it "a staggering shock for the Government."

Exceptional

Conservatives pointed out, however, that in past elections at Warwick, the majority was under 10,000, and that 1955 figure of 13,466 was exceptional due to Sir Anthony Eden's personal popularity.

Conservatives had no illusions about the likelihood of a drop in support at Warwick and Leamington. But their most pessimistic prophecies on the result visualised a majority of at least 3,000.

Socialists had no hope winning either Warwick and Leamington or Bristol West—a Conservative stronghold—but their big vote in the former Eden constituency is expected to step up their campaign against the Government's policies and particularly the controversial Rents Bill.

This will decontrol rents and tenure of 800,000 houses and eventually increase rents of millions more. It has become the key issue of the series of by-elections.

'Not To Worry'

Tonight's results came two hours after Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, privately addressing Conservative supporters in Parliament, had told them not to worry about the general anti-Government swing shown in the by-elections.

He said the Cabinet was working on plans which over two years should win back frustrated voters now deserting the Government.

The Bristol contest was caused by the elevation of Sir Walter Monckton, who was a member of the Eden Cabinet, to the peerage with a seat in the House of Lords.

In this contest, the Conservative share of the total poll fell by 5.1 per cent compared with the 1955 General Election.

State of parties in the 630-seat House of Commons now becomes: Conservatives 342; Labour 279; Liberal five; Independent one; vacant seats, three.—Reuter.

EGYPTIANS STOPPED ISRAELI SHIPS WITH BRITISH GUNS

London, Mar. 7.

Egypt closed the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli ships with British-made guns, cables Keith Morfett, Daily Express correspondent at Sharm El Sheikh today.

The guns fired 80-lb shells. On each gun there was a brass plate marked "Coventry, 1919." An Israeli Colonel said: "These batteries menaced us for two years. They were powerful enough to sink any ship which tried to pass through this gulf to our port of Elath." Before the Israelis left yesterday sappers blew up the

12,000 JAPANESE TO GO TO ETHIOPIA

London, Mar. 7.

Twelve thousand Japanese are to emigrate to Ethiopia to establish a textile industry, it was disclosed.

A group of leading technicians are already on their way from Japan as the advance party of the first large scale Japanese emigration to Africa.

A spokesman for the Ethiopian and Japanese Embassies here gave details of the project.

An Ethiopian Embassy official said: "The Emperor Haile Selassie wants to start a textile industry. He tried to get help in

Britain, the continent and America without success. "The migration of the Japanese was arranged after our Emperor had discussed the matter with the Japanese Emperor during a visit to Japan last November."

A Japanese Embassy spokesman said: "My government eagerly accepted the Ethiopian invitation because of our country's surplus population." —Reuter.

Early Voters In Today's Urban Council Election



Three nuns on their way to vote at the Hongkong polling station this morning.—(Staff Photographer).

RECORD MORNING POLL AT HONGKONG BOOTH

A record number of Hongkong citizens this morning turned out at the polling booths to elect four candidates to fill vacancies in the Urban Council.

By 11 a.m. 1,130 votes had been cast at the reclamation site booth in Hongkong. This is 239 more than the votes cast at the same time last year, although this year's electoral votes have been increased by 23 per cent.

At noon, 1,541 votes had been cast compared with 1,338 at the same time on last election day. At 12.30 p.m., voting figures were 1,711, compared with 1,688 in last election day.

5.30 A.M. START

The four vacancies were caused by the retirement of Mr Brook Bernaschi and Mr P. C. Woo of the Reform Club, and Mr Li Yu-bor and Dr P. F. Woo of the Civic Association all of whom are seeking re-election.

The four other candidates are Mr David S. C. Lam and Mr B. N. Li of the Reform Club, and Mr Hilton Cheong-Leen of the Civic Association.

Before declaring the polling open, at the stroke of 8, Mr J. Hurbatt, the Presiding Officer, Hongkong, invited the candidates to inspect the six ballot boxes to ascertain that they were all empty before they were sealed.

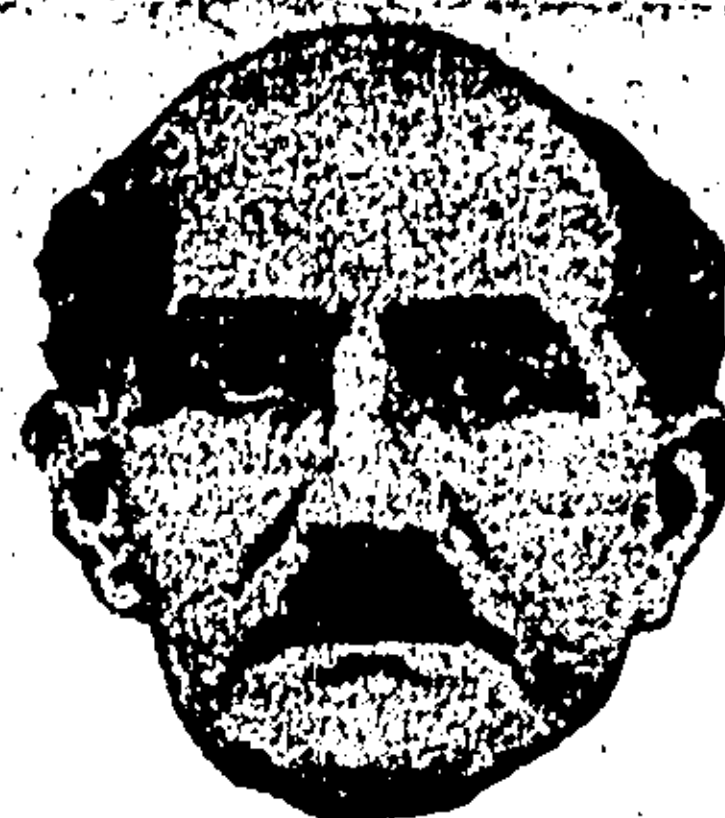
Mr Bernaschi, who was expected to have arrived at the polling booth at 5.30 a.m., was the first candidate to cast his ballot at 8.01. He was followed by six other candidates. Mr Li Yu-bor was seen to cast his shortly after 10 a.m.

FIVE NUNS

The first member of the general public to vote was a European lady who slipped her ballot paper in the box at 8.04. She was followed by a group of five nuns.

In the first half hour 93 people registered their votes compared with 95 last year. Notable among the voters were groups of nuns who came throughout the morning. By 10 a.m. 78 nuns had registered their votes. During the same period there were two priests who voted.

DOWNGRADED



Reward For Grivas May Be Reduced

From JOHN WEAVER

Nicosia, Mar. 7.
The price on the head of Cyprus terror chief General Georgio Grivas is expected to be cut down from £10,000 to £1,000.

The reward goes to anyone who gives the tip leading to his arrest.

Reason: security chiefs don't consider Grivas as dangerous as before. Most of his top men in the terror campaign have been killed or captured over the last eight weeks. —London Express Service.

Mr Hurbatt inside the building.

The heaviest polling so far was the half hour before 11 a.m. when 251 votes were cast.

There was an air of festivities outside the polling booth; pan-banks, banners, streamers and posters, proclaiming the candidates were put up along the approaches to the booth; also, workers for the candidates lined up to pass out hand-bills to prospective voters.

AT KOWLOON

At the Kowloon Polling Station at Yau-mat Government School, Public Square Street, voting began at 8 a.m. and by noon 374 had cast their votes.

The first voter to cast his vote was Dr R. H. S. Lee, an elected Council member, and also the polling agent for the Reform Club candidates.

Voting at the four booths began slowly and in the first half hour, only 14 had voted. Five voters appeared in the next half hour, but the total figure rose to 100 by 10 a.m. At 11 a.m., a total of 208 had cast their votes.

Posters both by the Reform Club and the Civic Association asking for block votes were displayed around the school building and the neighbouring playing field.

TEACHERS

It appeared that voters at Kowloon this morning were chiefly teachers and arrived at the Polling Station shortly after 10 a.m. in groups of tens and 20s.

Among these voters were also sisters of Roman Catholic religious orders.

It is understood that a total of 2,100 have registered to vote at the Kowloon Station. This represents a slight increase over the figure for last year.

The Presiding officer at Kowloon is Mr K. W. J. Toptey, assisted by Mr J. A. Fortune. Mr J. Flinn is the Counting Officer.

US PLANS FANTASTIC ATOMIC AIRCRAFT CARRIER

From Christopher Dobson

New York, Mar. 7.

One of the most fantastic war weapons of all time is being planned by the United States Navy. It is an aircraft-carrier powered by eight atomic reactors.

Admiral Albert G. Mumma, who is in charge of developing the ship makes these points about her.

★ Its air-conditioning system will be more than for two Empire State buildings.

★ Its atomic reactors will be able to generate enough electricity for a city of more than a million people.

★ The hangar deck for the aircraft will be big enough to lay out three full-sized football pitches.

★ She will weigh 70,000 tons, travel at 80 knots, and will be kept at sea without refuelling on only a few handfuls of atomic fuel.

This is just the beginning. The Navy plans six of these atomic carriers to be in operation in 10 years' time. Cost: \$300 million each.—London Express Service.

IRA RAID

Belfast, Mar. 7.

About 50 raiders armed the police Station at Derrylin in County Londonderry, with sub-machine guns and snipers.

One policeman was shot in the head and was reported in a "serious" condition. The police believed several of the raiders were wounded, but none was left behind when the gunmen withdrew.—United Press.

ALL OUT

Rafra, Sinai, Mar. 7.

The last Israeli troops left Rafra today as tanks, buses, half-track trucks and lorries began to move eastwards into Israel thus completing the withdrawal operation which began last night.—Reuter.

Eden Ill Again

Auckland, Mar. 8.

Sir Anthony Eden (the former British Prime Minister) has suffered another attack of high fever, but there was no abdominal pain, it was stated today.—Reuter.

Budget Day

London, Mar. 7.

The Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, said the Budget will be presented to the House of Commons on April 9.—United Press.

Eoka Men Die

Nicosia, Mar. 7.

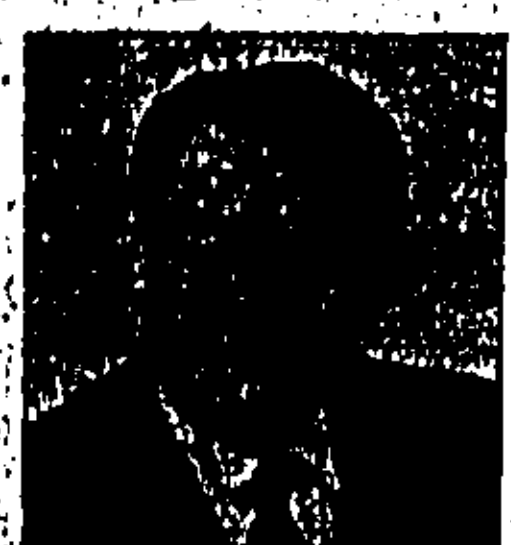
Two Cypriot Greek gunmen were killed in a gun battle with British troops in West Cyprus today.—France-Press.

BLOCK VOTE

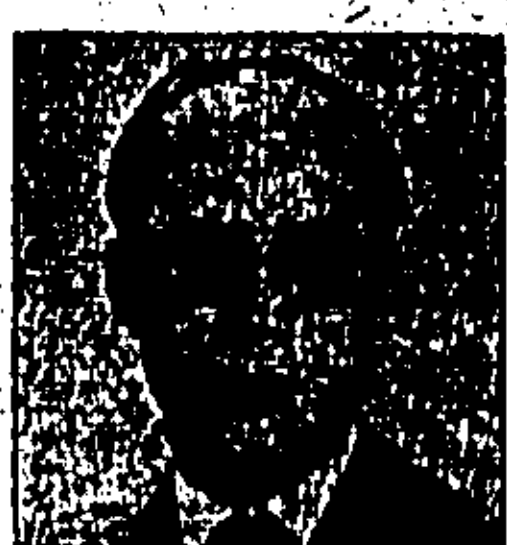
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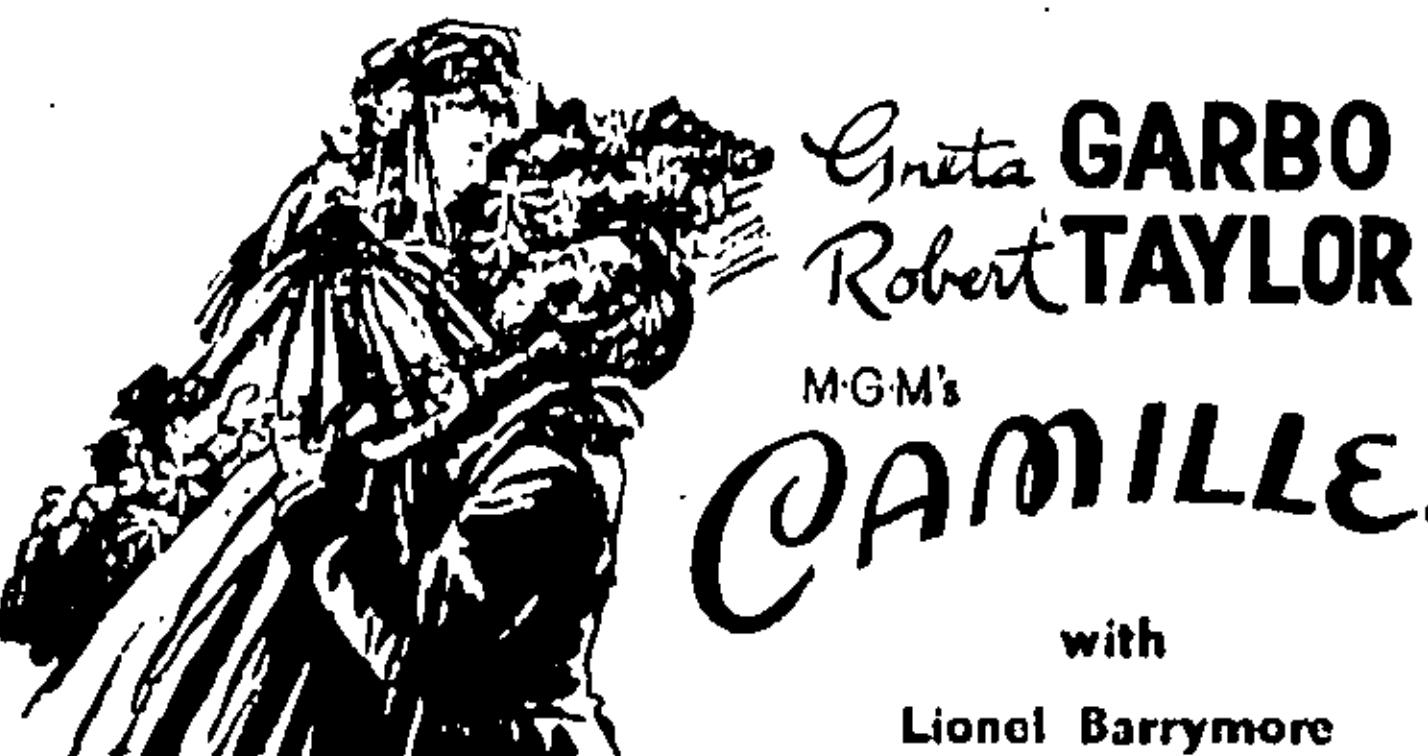
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BERMUDA MEETING MUST RE-LAUNCH ALLIANCE**British Ambassador Appeals To America**

Dallas, Mar. 7.

The British Ambassador, Sir Harold Caccia, said in a speech here tonight that the forthcoming Bermuda meeting between President Eisenhower and Mr. Harold Macmillan, Prime Minister of Britain, must repair and re-launch the Anglo-American partnership.

Sir Harold spoke at a dinner given by the Dallas Council on World Affairs.

He added that the Suez crisis was not the only reason for the Bermuda meeting. He said an alliance, like military equipment, could easily become obsolete if it did not adapt to changing circumstances and was kept under continual review.

Warning of the gravity of the present world situation, Sir Harold said:

Changing Pattern

"If our two countries are to survive, the application of our policies must be adapted rapidly and continuously to the changing pattern of world events."

He said the size of this threat was pointed up after the British Suez intervention when Russia "offered to act in concert with the United States against Britain and threatened to bombard London with rockets."

The envoy defended British action in reducing Britain's NATO contribution.

"We shall continue to contribute our full share to these forces," he said, "but we feel that we have been contributing more than our fair share in money, men and materials. Now for economic reasons we must reduce."

Economic Base

Sir Harold warned: "Ultimately our military forces are only as strong as the economic base. Turning to the Middle East, the envoy promised British support for the Eisenhower doctrine."

"Be sure of this," he said, "President Eisenhower will have the full support of my country in any programme to obtain security of transit."

Sir Harold thanked the Texas Railroad Commission for permitting increased production of crude oil.

"This will certainly help us to meet the current emergency," he said.

Worked Together

The envoy reminded his audience of the long-standing association between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan, dating back to 1943 when both men worked together in Algeria.

"They worked intimately and harmoniously together," he said, "hammering out a basis for common action in the Allied Command. In a larger sense, that will still be their purpose at the Bermuda conference. We all hope that the results of the new association will be as successful as the last."—United Press.

MOSLEM OFFICERS PUNISHED

Paris, Mar. 7.

The French National Defence Ministry announced today that five Moslem French army officers were punished recently for acts of indiscipline in the normal exercise of their military activities.

The Ministry said that it was not the custom to give the reasons for sanctions of this nature.

An investigation has been opened by the army in view of possible action against certain propagandists seeking to demoralise the army, the Ministry said.

It was added that certain officers had been questioned concerning this matter.

LETTER TO COTY

Several Paris evening newspapers tonight reported that some 50 French army officers of Algerian-Moslem origin have sent a letter to the French President, Rene Coty.

According to the newspapers, the Moslem officers said that if the French policy in Algeria was not directed towards a just solution, they would have no longer the means nor valid reasons for justifying their mission in the French army.

The Moslem officers reportedly told President Coty that they had not been moved by any spirit of rebellion. — France-Press.

Koreans Plan Goodwill Tour?

Seoul, Mar. 7.

Two Foreign Ministry officials quietly left for Saigon today amid speculation that they will join Republic of Korea's Minister Choi Duk Shin at the South Vietnam capital and embark on a goodwill tour of Asian countries.

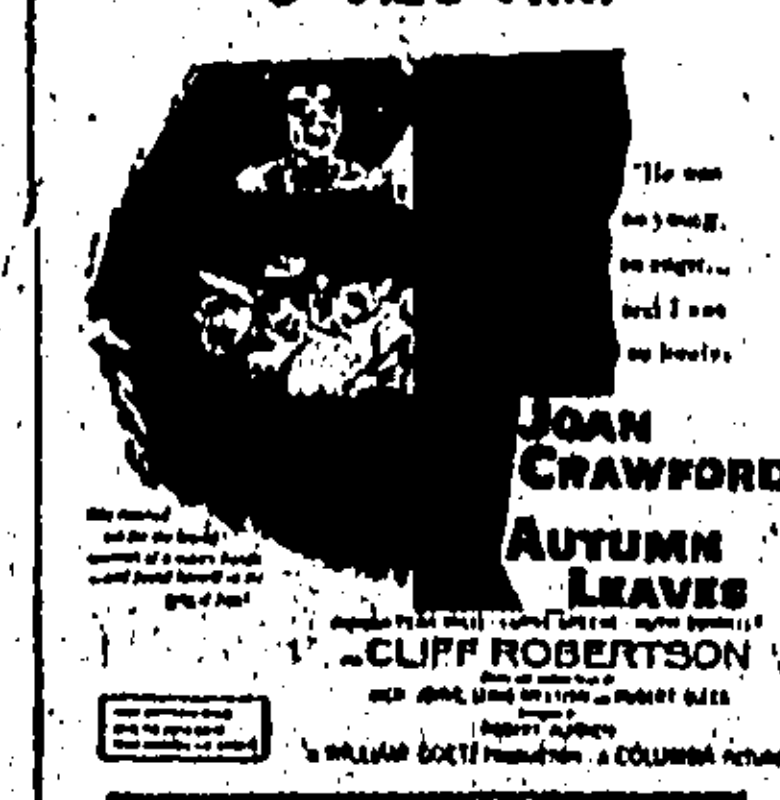
But the Ministry refused to confirm that protocol officer Chang Yoon Kull and an assistant were going to Saigon for that purpose.

Soldier-diplomat Choi conferred with home government officials here last month and during his stay it was widely reported that he would head a ROK goodwill mission to a number of Southeast Asian countries including those with "neutralist" leanings.

Other reports today said more officials may soon leave Seoul to join the group. — United Press.

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(l. to r.) Honor Chapman, Gandy Scott and Angela Osborn, a trio who play in "The Pan Alty Cats", one of the colourful numbers from the 25th anniversary show at the Windmill Theatre. — Central Press Photo.

PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR RAKOSI

Budapest, Mar. 7.

The first public defence of Matyas Rakosi, Hungary's "Little Stalin", since his fall from power last summer, appeared today in the official Communist newspaper Nepszabadsag.

An "Old Guard" Communist ideologist, Mr. Jozsef Reval, said in a two and a half page article that though Rakosi and other former leaders committed "real mistakes" attacks on them were often "unjust" and a screen for counter-revolution. The article, entitled "We Want Ideological Purity," also launched what some Western observers described as the "most vehement condemnation yet" of Rakosi's former rival for leadership, Imre Nagy, a "national" Communist who is now also in disgrace.

Traitors

Mr. Reval called Nagy and his followers, "traitors" of the workers' class and common renegades of Marxism-Leninism and "preparers and political leaders of the October counter-revolution."

Mr. Reval was regarded as one of the most powerful figures in Hungary during the establishment of Communist rule there between 1949 and 1953, but he has been reported seriously ill and at present holds no post in the party leadership or the Government.

Rakosi was ousted from the party first, secondly to be in the Soviet Union. His policies have been severely criticised as contributory causes of unrest which flared into violence in the Hungarian rising last October and November.

Nagy, who became Prime Minister during the rising was overthrown when Soviet troops

crushed it in November and was last reported to be in Rumania.

Mr. Reval also defended Stalin and made what some observers interpreted as an implication that Soviet Communist Party leader, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, lagged behind the Chinese Communists in reinstating Stalin to "the place due him."

Mr. Reval said "our Chinese comrades" opposed a campaign of vilification started against Stalin after the Soviet Communist Party's 20th Congress last year and did him justice by eliminating exaggerations.

Manifestation

"The Chinese comrades, and, after them, Comrade Khrushchev rose to his defence," the article said. It added: "Now it is clear to all Communists of the world that the world-wide campaign against Stalin and Stalinism was a manifestation adapted to the present situation of anti-Communist persecution."

Some Western diplomatic observers said the views expressed in the article represented a strong swing back towards the party line of Rakosi before the rising.

They said it might signify that the party left-wing wielded considerably more power than had been thought.

They pointed out that the article followed another published 11 days ago by a writer, Mr. Sandor Nagy, which was regarded as the most favourable to the Imre Nagy group to appear since the rising. — Reuter.

Chinese Leaders Attack US Law

Washington, Mar. 7. LEADERS of 130,000 Chinese-Americans called today for quick action by Congress to liberalise the "outmoded" and "discriminatory" immigration law.

At the close of a three-day conference here, first of its kind ever held by Chinese groups in the US, the leaders pointed out that the Act's quota system limits immigration to 105 Chinese a year.

With Chinese comprising one-fifth of the world population, they said, the number had been heavily oversubscribed,

putting a "mortgage" on the quota "for many years to come."

The group adopted a resolution endorsing President Eisenhower's proposal to permit transfer of unused quotas to all nationalities on a "first come, first served basis."

It said a provision of the Act which requires the Asiatic quota to be determined by ancestry rather than place of birth was "gross and rank discrimination."

Another provision giving American Consular officials "discretionary power without re-

course" over claims to US citizenship also was denounced. The conference said it should be amended to permit judicial review of such decisions.

The conference endorsed strongly a bill by Representative John Shelley to extend for another two years the 1953 Refugee Relief Act which expired last December 31.

Mr. Shelley's bill, it said, would provide about 3,000 visas for Chinese refugees and help some 700,000 refugees now crowded into Hongkong. — United Press.

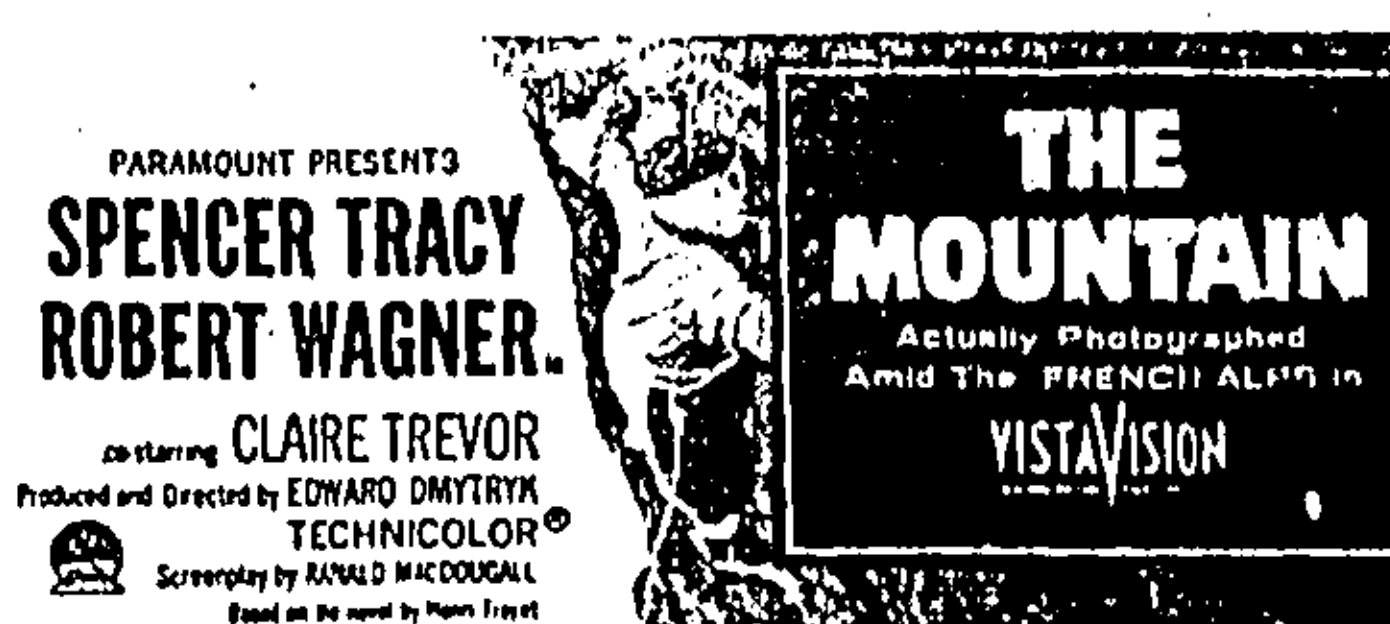
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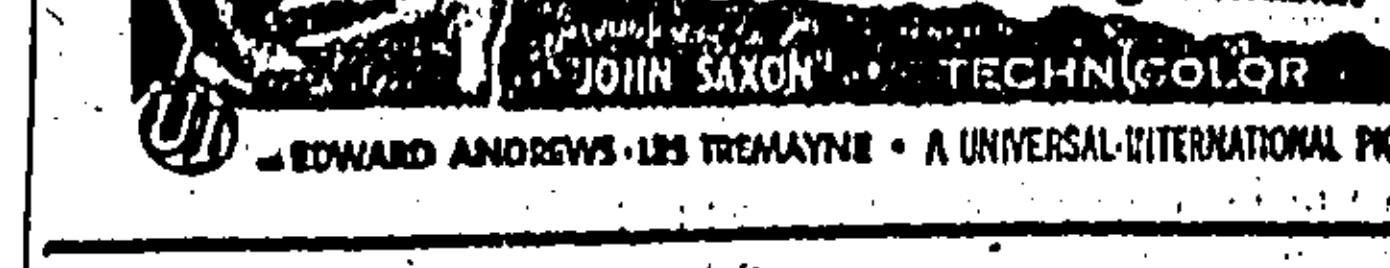


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Britain Concerned Over Indonesia

Full Support For Australian Objections On West New Guinea Question

Canberra, Mar. 7.

The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, the Earl of Home, said today that his country was concerned about developments in Indonesia but denied that there was any evidence suggesting that the Communists would take control.



EARL OF HOME

The Earl of Home is leading the British delegation to the SEATO Council talks here, where Indonesia has become a vital question.

He said Britain fully supported Australia's objections to the claim to West New Guinea by Indonesia.

The military advisers in a press conference refused to say whether the Dutch had asked for SEATO bases in New Guinea.

The Earl said Britain intended to remain a first-class power in the nuclear and military fields and that Britain's economic position would permit it to do so.

No Great Impact

The Suez crisis had no great impact on Britain's economic and trading position, he said, but admitted his country would have to buy oil with dollars if the Canal remained closed for long, creating a more serious situation.

He expressed the belief that the United Nations would have failed unless it ensured the Canal as a free international waterway and protected Israel's borders. He said that the Gulf of Aden should also be an international waterway.

President Nasser, he said, had been defeated as the military leader of the Arab world. He added that the Arab world was not happy with Nasser's close tie-up with Russia.

Lord Home said Britain regarded SEATO as of immense importance because if there was one lesson learned in the last 10 years it was that communism appeared on many fronts and it should be faced with a united front.

First Objective

Russia's first objective, he said, was to overrun Europe. The Soviet's second aim was to try to secure Middle Eastern oil and the third was to drive the West from Southeast Asia, he added.

Russia Increases Whaling Fleet

Capetown, Mar. 7.

The Soviet whaling fleet has stolen a march over other fleets in the Antarctic this season, Captain Carl A. Carlson of the Norwegian tanker Pontus revealed here today.

While the Japanese, British, Norwegian and South African fleets all agreed to reduce their catcher fleets to 12 vessels, the Russians turned up in the Antarctic Ocean with an augmented fleet of 18 vessels.

This is three vessels larger than the fleet Russians took south last summer and will probably ensure for them the biggest individual catch of the season.

Pontus docked in Durban last night after spending a month in the Antarctic. Meanwhile sources in Oslo disclosed that a Japanese whaling company is at present negotiating for the purchase of a Norwegian factory ship, the Suderoy, and five catchers.

The Japanese company, whose name was not disclosed, plans to use the whaling fleet in the Arctic Ocean and not the usual Antarctic regions, these sources said. The fleet reportedly will be sold for 21 million Norwegian crowns. This includes 12 million for the purchase of the factory ship. The whaling fleet will be delivered to Japan before the end of the year, informed sources said.—China Mail Special and France-Press.

Pan-African Conference Possible

Accra, Mar. 7.

Dr Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of the two-day-old independent West African state of Ghana, told reporters here that it was possible in the near future that he would convene a pan-African conference of independent states.

Replying to questions, he added: "We want to give territories in Africa an African personality and the only way we can do that is to call such a conference," he said.

Those invited would include Tunisia, Libya, Morocco, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Liberia and possibly—as a gesture—South Africa.

EVOLVE PRINCIPLE

Such a conference might evolve a principle by which indigenous populations of other colonial territories could be approached through their respective governments, he added.

Asked whether Ghana would join the Afro-Asian bloc of countries, he said various independent states of Africa must first come together.

"We must first get to know our own line of thought before approaching any other bloc," he said.

Adding that Ghana wished to maintain her identity and independence and not be submerged in any group.

Dr Nkrumah said Ghana would initially have a high commissioner in London and New Delhi and embassies in Washington, Paris and Liberia.

Representation in South Africa had been discussed. This would not prove difficult but nothing was immediately envisaged. Representation in East Africa and the colonies would also be considered.

IN COMMONWEALTH

Asked about a possible federation of West Africa the Prime Minister said: "If I can do anything to bring it about I shall with pleasure."

He had no intention of pressing for a republic but if the population insisted, the furthest he would be prepared to go would be a republic within the Commonwealth.

He would welcome the incorporation of French Togoland, if French Togoland desired it but would not put with British Togoland. "What we have, we hold," he said.—Reuter.

Electronic Reader Demonstration



ITALIAN COALITION TOTTERING

Rome, Mar. 7.

Italy's centre coalition government, which scraped through a vote of confidence in Parliament last week with a margin of three votes, was close to a crisis again tonight as Social Democrat leaders differed sharply on whether to remain loyal to it.

Signor Matteo Matteotti, secretary of the party and son of Giacomo Matteotti, who was beaten to death by Fascist thugs in 1924, formally resigned today and demanded that the party quit the Government.

After an inconclusive debate throughout the day the party directorate was expected to decide tomorrow whether to accept his resignation and whether to stay in the Government.

Small Majority

Signor Giuseppe Saragat, the party leader and Vice-Premier, who advocated remaining in the Government for the time being, was expected to command a small majority of the 21 members of the directorate in tomorrow's decision.

Signor Saragat said that if the Social Democrats left the Government now they would be forced into a too rapid merger with Signor Pietro Nenni's Socialist Party.

He said that by remaining in the Government, they could induce Signor Nenni and his followers to make further progress towards adopting the Social Democrats' political beliefs.

He said that it was particularly necessary to oblige the Socialists to give definite undertakings that they would not in future try to break Italy's alliances with the West and that they would seek to withdraw their followers from Communist domination in the General Confederation of Labour, the country's biggest labour organisation.

Signor Saragat agreed with Signor Matteotti that a national

congress of the party should be called in June to take a basic decision whether to merge the two parties.

Uneasy Adherence

Even if the Social Democrats continue to maintain their uneasy adherence to the Government coalition, new dangers threaten the Cabinet when Parliament reassembles next week.

The Socialist Party, anxious to push on with the merger, will seek to bring it down by demanding a vote on the nomination of Signor Giuseppe Togni, a Christian Democrat representative of industry and commerce, to head a new ministry in charge of nationalised and semi-nationalised industries.

The nomination, made unexpectedly last Sunday, was the immediate cause of Signor Matteotti's decision to resign. He described it as "an affront to the party."

Severe Strain

A parliamentary vote on the nomination would cause a severe strain in the Social Democrat ranks and a revolt by only three or four would imperil the Government.

Signor Saragat was later received by Italian President Giovanni Gronchi at the Quirinal Palace, the president's official residence.—China Mail Special.

Ghana's Stand On Mideast Affairs Tested

Accra, Mar. 7.

The Tunisian Prime Minister, Mr Habib Bourguiba, visiting here as a guest of the State to attend the birth of this native Negro State, has stressed the need for a common stand in Arab affairs, in his current talks with Premier Kwame Nkrumah, well-informed sources reported today.

Although official spokesmen were determined not to disclose details of their talks, it was speculated that Mr Bourguiba, in the absence of President Nasser of Egypt, has been testing Premier Nkrumah's pulse as to Ghana's future stand in the United Nations regarding Middle East affairs.

Since his arrival here Mr Bourguiba has seen a number of other African leaders, reportedly with the same object.

UPHOLD INDEPENDENCE

He was believed to have impressed on Dr Nkrumah and others that Ghana should strive to uphold its independence in foreign affairs, lest its attitude toward North Africa should be dictated from outside.

The sources also believed that Mr Bourguiba has given Dr Nkrumah some advice on the immediate problems of running a newborn state. They pointed to Dr Nkrumah's assumption of the External Affairs and Defence portfolios, which came as a surprise after two Ministers had already been named for the posts.

The sources believed that the decision was taken on Premier Bourguiba's advice. Bourguiba was reported to have told Premier Nkrumah that these Ministries needed careful handling in the initial stages and firm policies must first be established.—United Press.

Alleged Plan To Attack The Yemen

Damascus, Mar. 7.

Syria alleged in notes to heads of diplomatic missions here today that Britain was planning a large-scale attack on the Yemen, according to Foreign Ministry sources.

The Ministry asked the diplomatic chiefs to draw their governments' attention to the "grave situation" in the Yemen, which faces British aggression.

The note, according to the sources, said Britain had landed paratroopers with heavy equipment ready for a large scale attack on the Yemen.—Reuter.

Communists, Nehru In Close Race

New Delhi, Mar. 7.

The Communist Party was today running neck and neck with Mr Nehru's Congress Party in the elections in the key South Indian state of Kerala, where the Communists are making their strongest bid for power.

In results so far announced for the 120-seat State Assembly, Congress and the Communists have won 12 each, Praja Socialist seven, and Independents one. Congress Communists and Independents have each so far won one of the 18 Kerala seats in the Central Parliament.

The Communists, who won all three seats in the Kerala Assembly for which results were announced today, scored their biggest victory in the Chirayinkil constituency when Mr M. K. Kumaran won a seat in the central Parliament with a 92,611 vote majority.

Biggest Majority

It was the biggest majority so far in the Kerala elections. Mr Kumaran is editor of the local daily newspaper Kerala Kaumudi.

All three seats won by the Communists in the Kerala State Assembly today were gained for them—one from the Congress Party, one from the Praja Socialist, and one from the near-Communist Revolutionary Socialist Party.

In Ropoli, a Communist candidate defeated a Congress nominee by more than 10,000 votes; and in Bombay the Minister for Development, Mr Babubhai Patel, was beaten by a candidate of the leftist Mahagujarat Parishad.

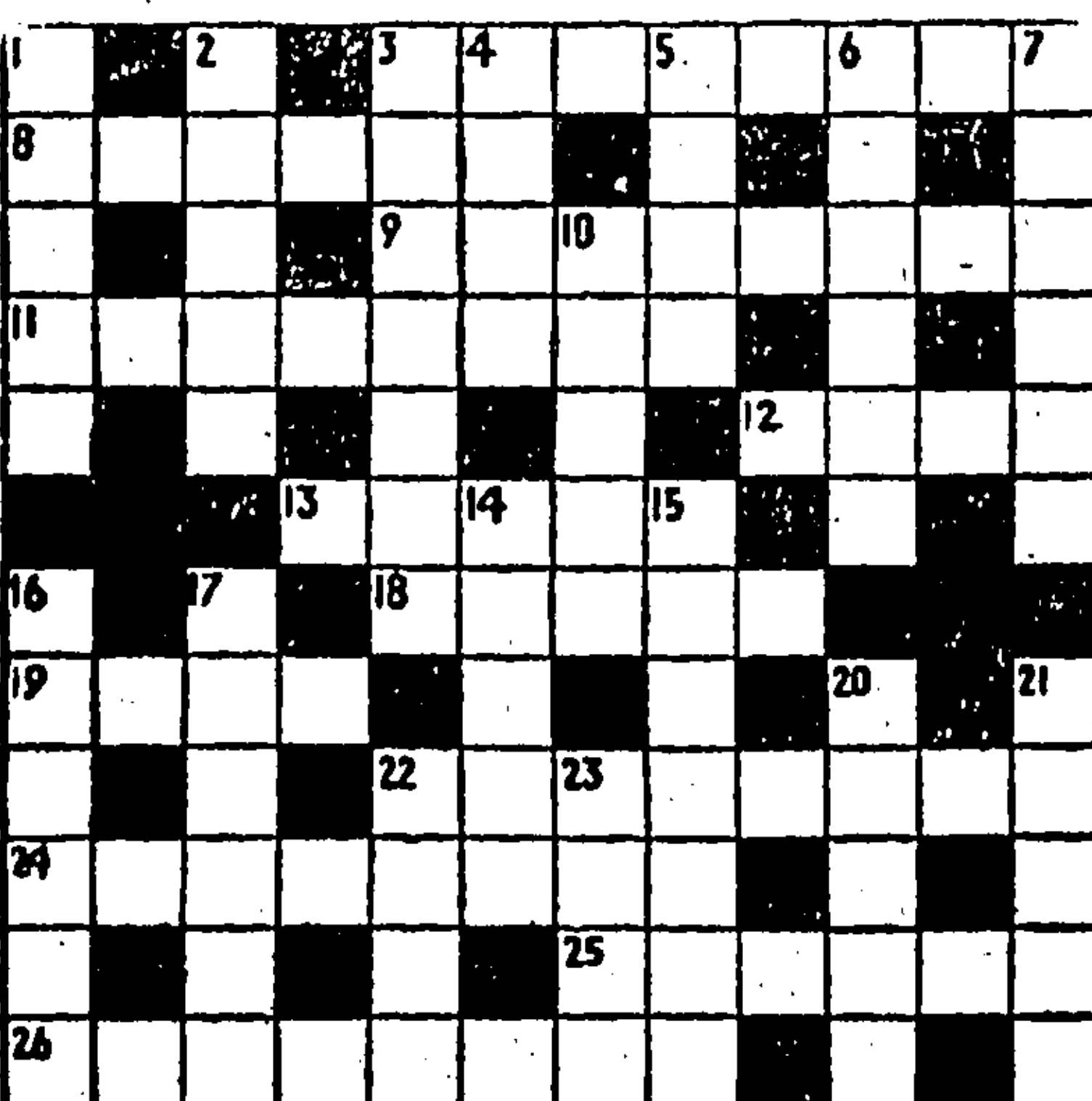
Mr Patel was defeated by Mr Mahendra Desai, whose mother was campaigning in favour of the Minister.

It was the first major victory for the Parishad, which demands a Gujarati-speaking state separate from the present bilingual Bombay State and has Gujarati candidates standing against the Ministers of Commerce, Education and Labour.

Only Challenge

Results from 12 states declared tonight gave Congress 513 seats in State assemblies. Only in Kerala were they opponents in the position to challenge their supremacy.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Phantoms (8).
- 8 Shrewd (6).
- 9 Attempting (8).
- 11 But would it not also take you down? (8).
- 12 Heap (4).
- 13 Lukewarm (5).
- 18 Equestrian (5).
- 19 Periods (4).
- 22 Legislators (8).
- 24 Bullfighter (8).
- 25 Robust (6).
- 26 Calls together (8).

DOWN

- 1 Refuge (5).
- 2 Guide (5).
- 3 Vessel (7).
- 4 Nuisance (4).
- 5 Search (4).
- 6 The fruit's dry even if it is in the rain (6).
- 7 Drooped (6).
- 10 Substantial (5).
- 14 Longed for (6).
- 15 Leaves (7).
- 16 Feverish (6).
- 17 Inertile (6).
- 20 Punctuation mark (6).
- 21 Custom (6).
- 22 Secure (4).
- 23 Nozzle (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Exploded, 7 Laura, 8 Startles, 10 Shiner, 18 Popular, 19 Star, 17 Decent, 18 Problem, 20 fells, 21 Diverse, 23 Sawyer, 27 Princess, 28 Rat up, 29 Re-enters. Down: 1 Class, 2 Tulip, 3 Bass, 4 Lark, 5 Dilute, 6 Desert, 9 Traded, 11 Hour, 12 Numbs, 14 Remiss, 15 Screw, 16 Anker, 18 Proper, 19 Chisel, 22 Vase, 23 Kyoto, 24 Erupt, 25 Scot.

International Theatre In Paris

Paris, Mar. 7.

A four-month world theatre season will open at the Paris Sarah Bernhardt Theatre on March 27, with a performance of Massenet's opera "Don Quixotte" by the Belgrade Opera Company, it was announced here today.

The festival will include performances of the world's best theatres, music and ballet, both modern and classical.

The United States will contribute dramatist Eugene O'Neill's "The Long Voyage Home" together with symphony concert by the Cleveland Orchestra, between June 22 and July 6.

THE OLIVIER

Leading British actor, "Sir" Laurence Olivier, and his wife, Vivien Leigh, will put on Shakespeare's "Titus Andronicus" from May 15 to 25, while the Dublin Gate Theatre will present Denis Johnston's "The Old Lady Says No" from June 14 to 17.

The German season, beginning on April 4, will be dedicated to the memory of Bertold Brecht. The Berliner ensemble will put on "The Galileo" and "Mother Courage".

May 6 to 11 will be Indian week and negotiations are still going on with Japan, which is expected to send a play from Tokyo.

Israel and the Netherlands are also expected to send a contingent.

The French theatre will be represented by Jean-Paul Sartre's "Diable Et Le Bon Diable", ("The Devil and God"),—France-Press.

St Laurent Asked To Explain Statement

Ottawa, Mar. 7.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, was asked in the House of Commons today for clarification of his statement yesterday on Suez Canal clearance, in which he said: "It is quite true that unless there is acquiescence—and there should be acquiescence—in the attitudes adopted by the majority of members of the United Nations, the only alternative would be the use of force to overcome resistance, and I hope that that will not become necessary."

Mr Stanley Knowles (a Socialist) asked whether that statement referred to collective United Nations action, or action by individual nations.

ONLY ALTERNATIVE

Mr St Laurent replied that he did not mean collective United Nations action.

"The only alternative to obtaining the acquiescence of the government of the area where the force was to be placed would be resumption of the use of force," he added.

Mr St Laurent said he was not suggesting that force be used. "I thought I was pointing out an alternative that could not be considered," he said.—Reuter.

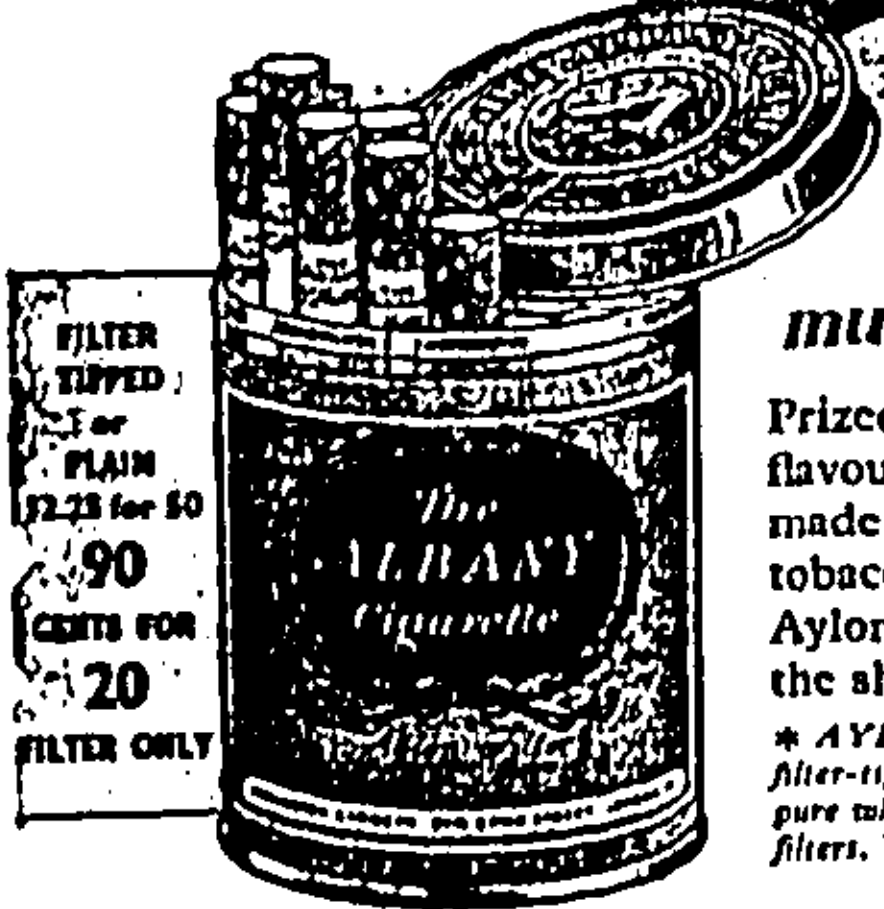
QUEEN MARY OVERHAUL



So big is this propeller of the Cunard liner Queen Mary that a man lies comfortably in the hole. He is a 6'6" male and is loosening nuts with a spanner in readiness for the refitting of the propeller to the \$1,217-ton ship, under going her annual overhaul in drydock at Southampton. —Reuter.



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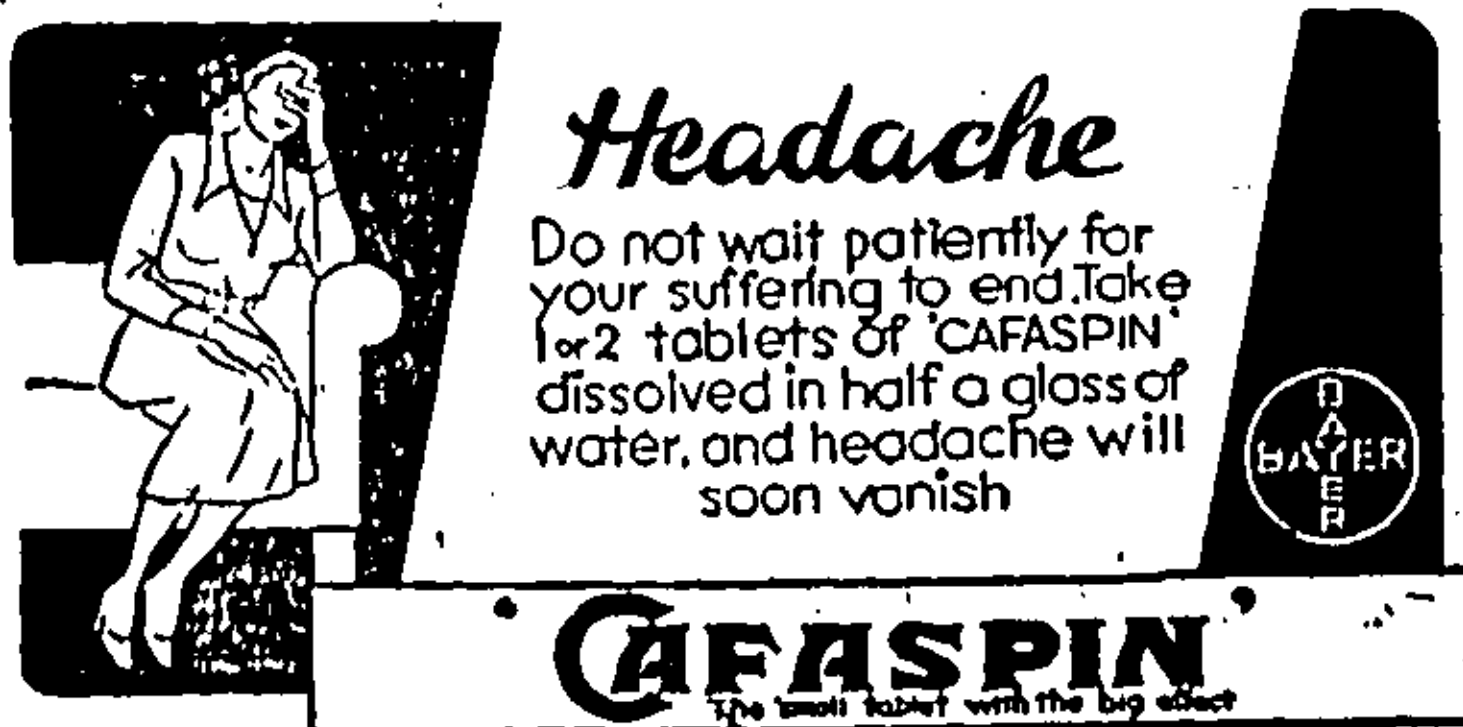
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THE relationship between a queen and her consort is subtle enough, but that between a consort and his eldest son is inevitably much more subtle. Why? Because the consort is a man who, though married to a reigning queen, can never be king. Whereas his son suffers from no such disadvantage.

He is, in fact, all the things his father can never be: heir to the throne, first citizen of his country, the automatically accepted symbol of royal power and authority.

He assumes, without question, the position of respect and influence for which his own father has had to spend years of thought, planning, and scheming.

In such circumstances, a father may well be forgiven for thinking that honour and glory are coming too easily to his offspring—and, with Albert and his eldest son, Edward, Prince of Wales, afterwards Edward VII, this is exactly what happened.

I PRAY...

WHEN Edward was born, Victoria wrote to a friend: "I hope and pray that he may be like his dearest Papa."



It was distressingly evident, from the moment that the heir to the throne could walk and speak, that this was not going to be so.

Albert surveyed his son, and concluded from his bouncing nature and his effervescent spirits that he showed signs of emulating the awful example of the Queen's disreputable uncles—or even the frivolous ways of his own brother, Ernest.

He decided that Edward (or "Bertie," as he was known in the family) would have to learn the hard way what it was like to be heir to the throne.

TWO VISCOUNT AIRLINERS ARE BORN A WEEK — 180 ARE FLYING

EVERY three days this year a new Viscount turbo-prop airliner will be ready for its first flight. That is the planned production rate for Britain's best-selling airliner.

Viscounts are rolling off the assembly lines at Weybridge (where the works are in the middle of the old Brooklands car race track), and at Hurn, near Bournemouth.

Already 180 Viscounts have been built and are now flying in all parts of the world. Among them are 60 ordered by Capital Airlines, of Washington, U.S.A., for its United States "domestic" services. Com-

pletion of the £23,900,000 order from the American airline has just been achieved six weeks ahead of schedule. Vickers are now working on a repeat order.

lands workshops, the factory is tooling up for building the bigger, turbo-prop Vanguard, already ordered by British European Airways and Trans-Canada Airlines, both confirmed Viscount users.

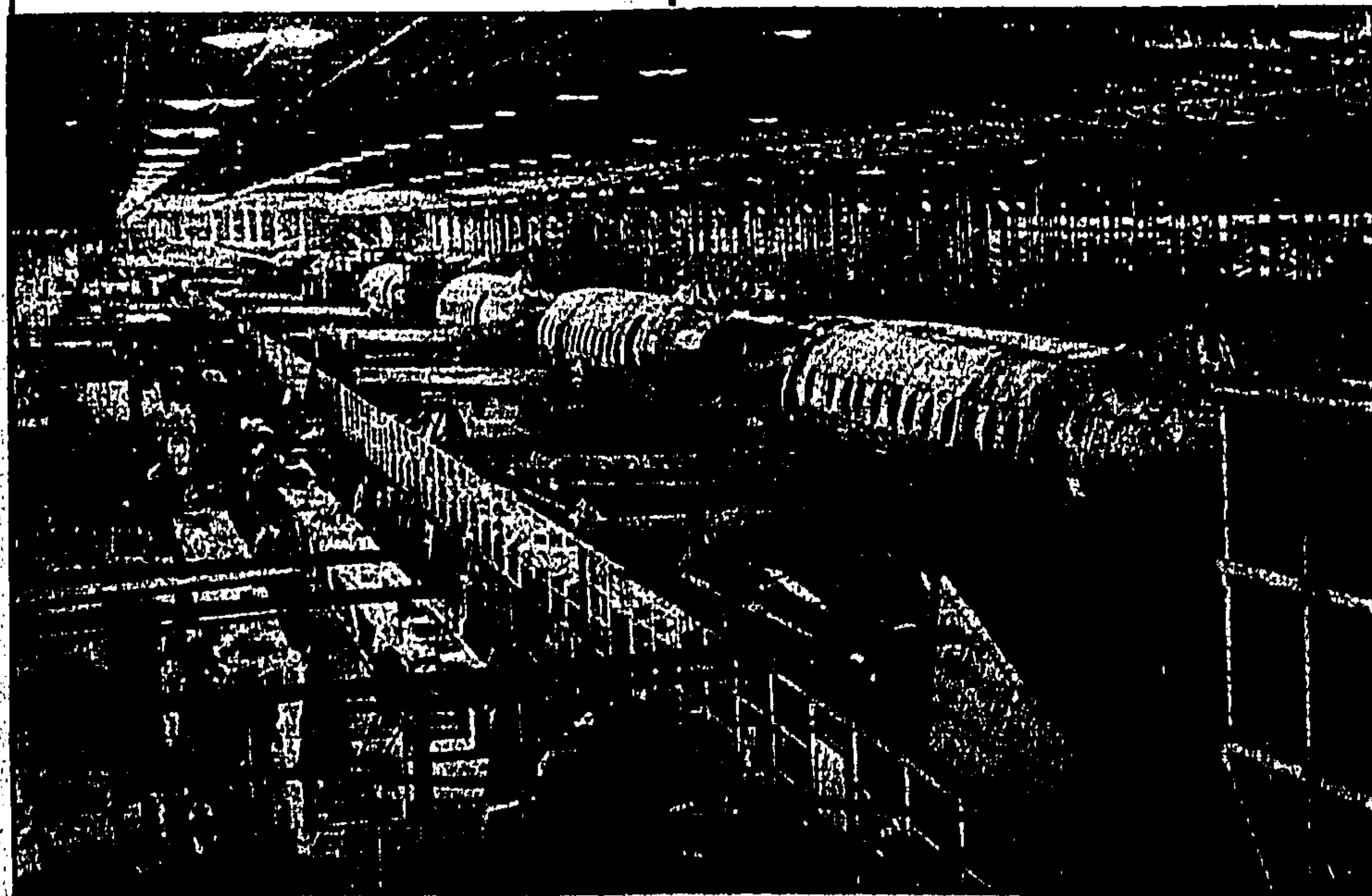
The Viscount was the world's first propeller-jet airliner. BEA have been flying them for nearly three years; and still the only other in-service airliner of its is the British Britannia.

Yet not long ago foreign critics of the British aircraft industry were saying we had no production capacity to back our "nice designs."

The Viscount story shows how wrong they were.

And while Viscounts emerge from the Brook-

PREPARING FOR THEIR LINES OF DUTY



A line of Viscount 800s under construction in the new aircraft shops at Weybridge.

'The Queen and The Man She Loves'..... by LEONARD MOSLEY

THE TRICKIEST JOB ANY FATHER CAN HAVE

of the world's most powerful empire. He was only too well aware that he could never be King of England himself, but he was determined that his son, who inherited the position by right of birth and blood, should be prepared for his heritage by a rigorous programme of education designed to remind him of the responsibility of his future.

When Bertie was just eight years old (the age Prince Charles is today) Albert drew up a portentous scheme for the benefit of his new tutor, who went under the appropriate name of Birch.

The scheme included, each day: "Religion: half an hour. English: one hour. Writing: half an hour. French: one hour. Music: half an hour. Calculating: half an hour. German: one hour. Drawing: half an hour. Geography: half an hour."

And then Albert added: "It will be well to let mental and more mechanical exertion alternate in order not to strain the intellect or wear out the patience of the child."

But soon Albert decided that this regime was by no means stringent enough. He suspected his son of taking life too flippantly, and dismissed Birch in favour of first one and then other tutors who could be relied on to keep the smile off his lips and the twinkle out of his eye.

POOR BERTIE

HE was determined that Bertie should appreciate the good fortune he had achieved by being born the eldest son of a reigning queen.

Poor Bertie! No wonder that after his father's death he unloosened his belt and began to relax.

So long as his father was alive, he was never allowed to forget how easily his heritage had come to him, and how earnestly he must prepare for it.

When he was 17, in 1855, Albert and Victoria sent him the Order of the Garter, with a massive memorandum on how to behave. It was the moment in his life when Bertie was smelling the intoxicating scent of spring in the air. But the memorandum swiftly drove off the perfume of youth.

"A gentleman," it coldly reminded him, "does not indulge in coarseness, self-indulging ways such as loitering in armchairs or on sofas. He does not place himself in unbecoming attitudes... it ran on for page after page, prating, chiding, warning and rebuking. The young Prince of Wales burst into tears.

DUTY?

ALBERT had a stern German dislike of English public schools, and was determined that his son should never attend one.

He did, however, expect him to embrace some form of university education, and sent him, in bewildering succession, to Edinburgh, Cambridge, and Oxford.

He was never allowed to remain long enough at any of them to make lasting friends. He had to live privately.

"About Common balls," Albert wrote to his son on one occasion, "I trust you to understand that the balls you visit are not visited by you for your amusement, but to give others pleasure by your presence."

All in all, Albert made a mess of his son's early life. Did he do it out of a mistaken sense of duty? Or was there a deep, subconscious resentment against the boy because he was so easily assuming the rank his father could never attain?

BLIND SPOT

CERTAINLY, Albert never relaxed his pressure on his son. Wise and forbearing as he was in so many things, his blind spot was this child of his.

No matter how hard he tried, he never did succeed in becoming anything more than the husband of their Queen.

HAS THE PALACE LEARNED?

WHEN Prince Albert died Queen Victoria commissioned a biography. Its publication dismayed the Royal Family by the revelation of intimate details. But the Queen was unperturbed, and to a daughter who presumed to protest she wrote: "Then you must also remember that endless false and untrue things have been written and said about us, public and private, and that in these days people will write and will know: therefore the only way to counteract this is to let the real, full truth be known, and as much as can be told with prudence and discretion; and then no harm, but good will be done."

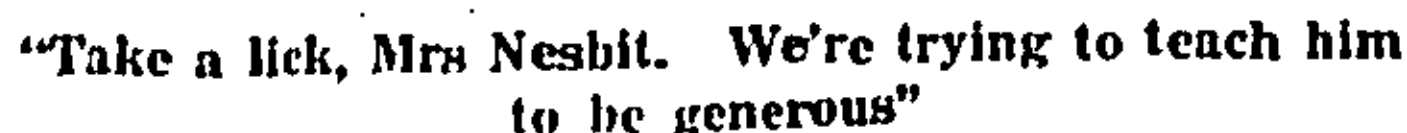
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RACING GAVE THEM RICHES

The Owner Who Hid In The Hayloft To Avoid Creditors

By PERCY RUDD

Of all the curious characters who have flitted across the pages of racing history none was odder than Thomas Parr. Originally an itinerant hawk of tea in the villages of Devon and Cornwall, he became a highly successful trainer of race-horses at Fyfield, Wantage, on the edge of the Berkshire Downs.

Parr was a positive genius in divining and developing the possibilities of horses. He got hold of several really good ones on the cheap and did such wonders with them that he won two St Leger, two Ascot Gold Cups, the Cambridgeshire in two successive seasons and the Cesarewitch. Yet he never had any money.

A man with a brain for finance and an appreciation of his betting opportunities would have won fortunes on the horse that he owned and trained. But Parr lived most of his days in such a state of chronic impecuniosity that he was accustomed to concealing himself in his hayloft at Wantage while the faithful head-lad down below was explaining to angry and persistent creditors that the master was in some other part of the country.

On one occasion Parr took a horse to run at York, overlooking the fact that he had left the city after a former visit without completing the formality of selling his hotel bill. But the local police had not forgotten and the debtor was arrested and imprisoned in the Cuscle.

The head-lad was equal to this emergency. He took the horse to the races, saddled him and backed him with borrowed money. After the horse had won he went to the Cuscle, paid the debt and secured his master's release. Surely the only case on record of an owner being bought out of prison by the proceeds of a bet made with a loan!

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One of the best horses Parr ever had, Weatherage, was a

FA CUP REPLAY

One Nil Victory Puts Birmingham C. In Semi-Finals

Nottingham, Mar. 7. An opportunist goal shortly after the interval gave Birmingham City a 1-0 victory over Nottingham Forest in their quarter-final English Football Association Cup replay here today.

Birmingham, who fought out a goalless draw with the Second Division side at Birmingham last Saturday, will next meet the favourites, Manchester United, for a place in the final.

The Birmingham area will provide three of the four semi-finalists on March 23, as the other clash will be between Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion.

Both Birmingham and Nottingham kept up a great pace throughout an exciting game, and strong defences were kept at full stretch. Inside-left Peter Murphy hit the winning goal in the 53rd minute when he darted through the home defence to reach a long pass and shoot home from ten yards' range.

11-8 FAVOURITES

Manchester United were made 11-8 favourites for the English Football Association Cup competition at the callover at Victoria Club here tonight.

West Bromwich Albion were quoted at 3-1.

Birmingham, United's semi-final opponents, were next at 7-2, and Aston Villa, who meet West Bromwich in the semi-final, were the outsiders at 9-2. China Mail Special.

Fancied For The Lincoln



The four-year-old colt Idle Rocks, seen here with D. Smith up, is to be ridden by Harry Carr in the Lincolnshire Handicap, to be run over one mile at Lincoln on March 27. He will carry 8 st. 8 lb. Although Idle Rocks has disappointed his followers by a number of bad starts during his career, he has been taken in hand by Tanworth trainer S. Mercer and is well fancied for the Lincoln. Reuterphoto.

Junior Badminton Championships

Rosemary Drew made her debut in the Colony Junior Badminton Championships which got off to a flying start with five ties completed at the Club de Recreio last night.

Showing not a trace of nervousness, Miss Drew impressed spectators with an array of strokes against Miss Connie Young before being eliminated in straight sets of 11-2, 11-1.

Forceful in her strokes this newcomer will, it is sure, improve by leaps and bounds with more competitive playing. What impressed was her deep baseline job shots which had depth and accuracy and her smashes, while not powerful enough to earn her points, were executed with the finesse of a seasoned campaigner.

Miss Connie Young, too, showed a vast improvement on her last year's performance. Her courtcraft was the deciding factor in her two-set victory over her opponent. In the match Miss Young dictated the pace and in several rallies her neat placements more often than not had Rosemary Drew on the wrong foot.

The match of the evening was the Mixed Doubles in which Ho Bing-nam and Miss Tsai Yuen-chun triumphed over Young Hung-chow and Miss Winnie Chan in a drawn-out struggle for supremacy before victory went to Ho and Miss Tsai at 15-7, 15-8, 15-5.

Miss Chan played a very good game at the net but her partner found the fast returns of Ho Bing-nam too exhausting for him to cope with.

THE RESULTS

Ladies' Singles
Miss Connie Young beat Miss Rosemary Drew, 11-2, 11-1.
Miss A. Abbas beat Miss Ho Suk-kam, 11-4, 11-7.

Ladies' Doubles
Miss H. Iman and Miss Tsai Yuen-chun beat Miss Ho Suk-kam and Miss Wong Yuen-yin, 15-8, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles
Ho Bing-nam and Miss Tsai Yuen-chun beat Young Hung-chow and Miss Winnie Chan, 15-7, 15-8, 15-5.

Junior Men's Singles
Cyril J. Chua beat Yang Kai-ken, 10-1, 10-2.

TODAY'S MATCHES
At 8.00 p.m. Junior Ladies' Singles: Miss Lillian Wu v Miss Wong Yuen-yin.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting will be brought to a conclusion tomorrow and a record gathering of racing fans is expected. The most important events are the Ladies' Purse for Class 3 ponies and the Lusitano Cup for 1957 Subscription Griflin Ponies.

The programme will again consist of ten events, with no change in the time of starting. Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Northern Handicap (First Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.
Judging on past performance, Silver Dahlia (E. S. Wong), which is a steady stayer, should prove the best over this short distance. King Rider (H. Chan) appears capable of extending Silver Dahlia, but even with 150 lbs. to carry French Bean (H. K. Hung) should have something to say about the finish.
Chickapun, with M. Samarcq up, is not to be neglected as it is essentially a sprinter.

SECOND RACE
Inspiration Handicap: From 2-Mile Post.
C'est Si Bon (Robert Tsai) won the Lucky Star Handicap over the mile at the last meeting. As it will be carrying 8 lbs more tomorrow I think it has an opportunity of scoring a win here.
Zerimar (C. L. Liu) is the next best bet but it must be borne in mind that Many Returns (H. K. Chuang) is a fast improving pony.
For a long shot I suggest Vigorous Ava (Allan Chan) as this pony is capable of bringing off an upset.

THIRD RACE
Wongchickon Stakes (First Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.
In this race for 1957 ponies, previous winners barred, Scarlet (M. Samarcq) should be prominent at the finish.
It should not be fully expected except, perhaps, by Gay Minstrel (K. Kwok).
Courier (W. R. Holman) should be placed and Tiger Shark (H. K. Chuang) may be worth following as an outsider.

FOURTH RACE
Ladies' Purse: 1 1/4 Mile.
Eudora (M. Samarcq), carrying 140 lbs. won the Pegasus Handicap, 1 1/4 mile, over the two-mile post at the Seventh Race Meeting. It will be called upon to carry another 8 lbs tomorrow. I think this pony is capable of shouldering the extra weight and winning again.
Sportmanship (C. L. Liu) which lost to the above pony in this same race by 1 1/2 lengths is certainly not to be neglected and a win is not entirely out of the reckoning.
American Carrot (H. K. Hung) should also be in the running.
Long Cue (W. R. Holman) is the best outsider.

FIFTH RACE
Wongchickon Stakes (Second Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.
This is another event for Subscription Ponies of 1957, previous winners barred. Looking over the entries, I don't think there is much doubt but that Milky Way (C. L. Liu), which was second in the Hopeful Stakes (Third Section) last Saturday, should win this race.
Famora (A. Travers) should have no difficulty in taking second place.
Glamour Girl (H. K. Hung) looks good for third.

SIXTH RACE
Lusitano Cup: From 2-Mile Post.
This race is confined to Subscription Ponies of 1957. Judging from its win in the Hopeful Stakes (Second Section) over the mile on the first day of the Annual Meeting I think Edinburgh (M. Samarcq) will win again as it has only Whirlaway (H. K. Chuang), Magic Eyes (Alex Lam) and Serbu (K. Kwok) to contend with.

SEVENTH RACE
Northern Handicap (Second Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.
In this race for the Second Section of Class 7 ponies the winner should come from among Hammer Mill (K. Kwok), Hawaiian Moon (H. K. Hung), Flying Dutchman (M. Samarcq) and Rebel II (A. Travers).
Hammer Mill is my choice and I think it should win, but I agree as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.
Flying Dutchman and Rebel II are quite fast and should be near at the finish.
I expect to see the finish in the following order: Hammer Mill, Hawaiian Moon and Flying Dutchman.

EIGHTH RACE
Jockey Cup: From 2-Mile Post.
Atomic Comet (Wan Shu-ming) must be borne in mind as the likely winner here as this pony is improving in morning gallops. Atomic Comet also favours the Hui (Ringo Lai), but I don't think it can do better than place.
NINTH RACE
Wongchickon Stakes (Third Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.
The subscribers in this race are 1957 Subscription Griflin Ponies, which were barred from the Lusitano Cup.

Cut this out and take it to the races

tomorrow for your guidance

Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

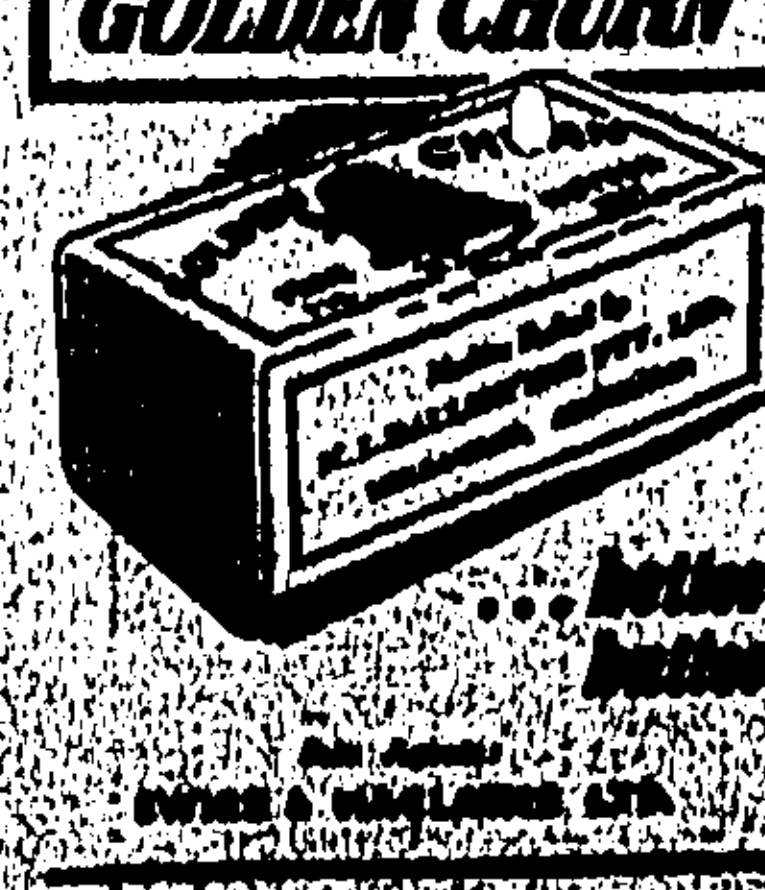
12.00 noon Race 1 NORTHERN HANDICAP (1st Section). 1 1/4 Mile 117 Yards. Class 7. Previous winners barred. (A. S. Wong) 147 lbs. 1. Silver Dahlia (Percy Tsai) 147 lbs. 2. King Rider (H. Chan) 147 lbs. 3. French Bean (H. K. Hung) 147 lbs. 4. Chickapun (M. Samarcq) 147 lbs. 5. Many Returns (H. K. Chuang) 147 lbs. 6. American Carrot (H. K. Hung) 147 lbs. 7. Long Cue (W. R. Holman) 147 lbs. 8. Zetimar (Lum) 147 lbs. 9. Green Velvet (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 10. Thunder Sky (Belokoff) 147 lbs. 11. Sencita (Krasnopoff) 147 lbs. 12.00 p.m. Race 2 WONGCHICKON STAKES (1st Section). 1 1/4 Mile 170 Yards. 1957 Ponies. 1. As You Wish (Rodney) 147 lbs. 2. Courier (Belokoff) 147 lbs. 3. Gay Minstrel (Krasnopoff) 147 lbs. 4. Madam Fortune (Liu) 147 lbs. 5. Ol Lok Prince (Kwok) 147 lbs. 6. Mammoth Hero (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 7. Scarlet (Noodi) 147 lbs. 8. Tiger Shark (Noodi) 147 lbs. 9. Victoria Peak (Rodney) 147 lbs. 10. Viewpoint (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 12.30 p.m. Race 3 LADIES' PURSE. 1 1/4 Mile. Class 3. 1. Long Cue (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 2. Mercury (Metrevel) 147 lbs. 3. Halcon (Lefkoff) 147 lbs. 4. King A (Liu) 147 lbs. 5. Eudora (S. H. Wong) 147 lbs. 6. Sportmanship (Cheu) 147 lbs. 7. Amusement (Lum) 147 lbs. 8. Tell Me Tonight (A. S. Wong) 147 lbs. 9. Santa Maria (Rodney) 147 lbs. 10. American Carrot (Noodi) 147 lbs. 11. Balkan Moon (Metrevel) 147 lbs. 12.00 p.m. Race 4 WONGCHICKON STAKES (2nd Section). 1 1/4 Mile 170 Yards. 1957 Ponies. 1. Alandale (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 2. Aslan Diamond (Noodi) 147 lbs. 3. As You Like It (Lum) 147 lbs. 4. Brilliance (Lefkoff) 147 lbs. 5. Cavalry (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 6. Golden Nugget (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 7. Pandora (Percy Tsai) 147 lbs. 8. Ifahan (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 9. Permanent View (Lum) 147 lbs. 10. Welcomes (Lum) 147 lbs. 12.30 p.m. Race 5 PHAETON HANDICAP. 6 Furlongs. Class 2. 1. Laro Triumph (Noodi) 147 lbs. 2. Ambition (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 3. Quicksilver (A. S. Wong) 147 lbs. 4. Kary Win (Noodi) 147 lbs. 5. Bluegrass (A. S. Wong) 147 lbs. 6. Never Mind (Lefkoff) 147 lbs. 7. Tora Thana (Lefkoff) 147 lbs. 8. Kelpie (Rodney) 147 lbs. 9. Pandora (Percy Tsai) 147 lbs. 10. Beautiful Lie (S. Wong) 147 lbs. 11. Burrows Arrow (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 12.00 p.m. Race 6 LUSITANO CUP. 2 Miles. 1957 Ponies. 1. Hammer Mill (K. Kwok) 147 lbs. 2. Hawaiian Moon (H. K. Hung) 147 lbs. 3. Flying Dutchman (M. Samarcq) 147 lbs. 4. Rebel II (A. Travers) 147 lbs. 5. Dink Dong (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 6. Panama (S. H. Wong) 147 lbs. 7. Glamour Girl (Lefkoff) 147 lbs. 8. Milky Way (Cheu) 147 lbs. 9. Tai Ping Shan (Metrevel) 147 lbs. 10. Viewpoint (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 12.30 p.m. Race 7 WONGCHICKON STAKES (3rd Section). 1 1/4 Mile 170 Yards. 1957 Ponies. 1. As You Like It (Lum) 147 lbs. 2. Alandale (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 3. Aslan Diamond (Noodi) 147 lbs. 4. Brilliance (Lefkoff) 147 lbs. 5. Cavalry (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 6. Golden Nugget (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 7. Pandora (Percy Tsai) 147 lbs. 8. Ifahan (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 9. Permanent View (Lum) 147 lbs. 10. Welcomes (Lum) 147 lbs. 12.30 p.m. Race 8 WONGCHICKON STAKES (4th Section). 1 1/4 Mile 170 Yards. 1957 Ponies. 1. Alandale (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 2. Aslan Diamond (Noodi) 147 lbs. 3. As You Like It (Lum) 147 lbs. 4. Brilliance (Lefkoff) 147 lbs. 5. Cavalry (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 6. Golden Nugget (Sofronoff) 147 lbs. 7. Pandora (Percy Tsai) 147 lbs. 8. Ifahan (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 9. Permanent View (Lum) 147 lbs. 10. Welcomes (Lum) 147 lbs.
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THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



World Table Tennis Championships

Three Consecutive 5-0 Victories For Japan In Swaythling Cup

Stockholm, Mar. 7. The Japanese cup holders showed brilliant form, winning three consecutive 5-0 victories without losing a single set when the Swaythling Cup team championship started here today.

Ichiro Ogimura, Men's Singles title holder, demonstrated striking form and never left his opponents any chance. Sweden also scored three victories, but the difference in playing strength of the two countries is enormous.

Apparently the final struggle will be an affair between Japan and Czechoslovakia, who scored two straight wins in Group Three today. But the Chinese and the former World Champion, Ferenc Sido and the new star, Zoltan Berezik, might be strong rivals for the titles.

In the Corbillion Cup, the women's girls, winners last year, had two easy 3-0 victories, but the Chinese girls in the group won all their three matches as did the United States. As for Group Two, it is difficult to judge the strength of the teams, as two of the nations, Vietnam and Brazil, withdrew. Consequently, one of the favourites, the Japanese, only had to play one match.

The championships continue tomorrow with three more sessions.

Japan defeated South Africa by 5-0 in a Group Two Swaythling Cup team match (Men) for the World Table Tennis Championship here tonight. This was the Japanese team's third successive 5-0 win.

In Group Three, Australia beat Norway by 5-0 and Czechoslovakia beat Denmark by 5-0.

Japan and Sweden were leading in the Swaythling Cup tonight, after each had played three matches and won

three, with 15 winning games to no defeats, and three points.

Placings in Group One were:

	P	W	L	Wn	Lost	Pts
China	3	3	0	10	0	2
Sweden	3	2	1	9	1	2
Japan	3	2	1	9	1	2
India	3	1	2	6	4	1
Belgium	3	1	2	6	4	1
Switzerland	3	1	2	6	4	1
Finland	3	1	2	6	4	1
South Africa	3	0	3	0	10	0
Italy	3	0	3	0	10	0

Group Two

	P	W	L	Wn	Lost	Pts
Sweden	3	3	0	10	0	3
Japan	3	3	0	10	0	3
Vietnam	3	2	1	9	1	2
Hungary	3	2	1	9	1	2
Czechoslovakia	3	2	1	9	1	2
France	3	2	1	9	1	2
Germany	3	2	1	9	1	2
Iran	3	2	1	9	1	2
Canada	3	2	1	9	1	2
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Group Three

	P	W	L	Wn	Lost	Pts
China	3	3	0	10	0	3
USA	3	3	0	10	0	3
England	3	3	0	10	0	3
Belgium	3	3	0	10	0	3
Switzerland	3	3	0	10	0	3
Norway	3	3	0	10	0	3
Denmark	3	3	0	10	0	3

Group Four

	P	W	L	Wn	Lost	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	3	0	10	0	3
England	3	3	0	10	0	3
Austria	3	3	0	10	0	3
Holland	3	3	0	10	0	3
Spain	3	3	0	10	0	3
Wales	3	3	0	10	0	3
Lebanon	3	3	0	10	0	3

Results of other Swaythling Cup matches tonight were:

Group One: Portugal beat Luxembourg by 5-1.

Group Two: Vietnam beat Finland by 5-1 and France beat Canada by 5-0.

Group Three: United States beat Brazil by 5-1 and Germany beat Italy by 5-0.

Group Four: Yugoslavia beat the Netherlands by 5-0 and Hungary beat Wales by 5-0.

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Positions in Corbillion Cup, Group One

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Yugoslavia	3	3	0	10	0	3
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Ireland	3	2	1	9	1	2
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—France-Press.



London Express Service

HKAAC TEAM FOR SUNDAY

The following will represent the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club in the Norman Phillips Trophy Match against the Hongkong University Athletic Club and the South China Athletic Association at the University ground, Pokfulam, on Sunday afternoon, March 10:

100 Yards: Capt. J. L. Hunter, Capt. D. Gunn.

220 Yards: Capt. D. Gunn, W. Reeves.

440 Yards: W. Reeves, Archie L. Hunter.

880 Yards: R. Weate, F. Walker.

One Mile: R. Weate, Cd. MAA R. H. Pape.

Three Miles: Cd. MAA R. H. Pape.

220 Yards Low Hurdles: Capt. J. L. Hunter, R. Spencer.

High Jump: Capt. J. L. Hunter, Samuel Lo.

Long Jump: Capt. J. L. Hunter, R. Spencer.

Hop, Step & Jump: Capt. J. L. Hunter, R. Spencer.

Shot Put: R. Hamson, H. K. Kennedy-Skipkin.

Discus Throw: R. Hamson, P. A. Noble.

Javelin Throw: R. Hamson, R. T. Toms.

Competition, and officials should be on the ground by 2 p.m.

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—France-Press.

New Year Resolution

Malet Lambert, Old Boys play in the Hull Amateur League.

Their record for the season to the end of 1956 was—played ten matches; lost ten. In the New Year they have played seven without defeat. Four won and three drawn, and eleven precious points.

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Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

9 Hungarian Soccer Players Suspended

Vienna, Mar. 7.

Reports reaching Vienna from Budapest tonight said the Hungarian soccer football federation's disciplinary commission had suspended for three months nine leading Hungarian footballers recently returned to Hungary.

The three months' suspension covers Hungarian championships matches and friendly encounters. The players, most of them from the champion "Honved" team (self-exiled since last October's insurrection), will not be allowed to play any Hungarian national selection before September 7 this year.

The nine named were: Szusza, Lantos, Sándor, Bocsik, Banyai, Rókóczi, Farago, Budai Jr. and Kolász.

Two other players, Dudas and Toerocsek, were suspended for four weeks from championship matches and until July 7 for international selections.

The cases of Machos and Tékely, still touring abroad, are to be taken up at a later date, the reports said.—France-Press.

Two Tie For The Lead In Pensacola Golf

Pensacola, Florida, Mar. 7.

Mike Feltchik with a 35-23 and Paul O'Leary with a 34-24 tied for the lead with 68 today in the first round of the \$15,000 Pensacola Open golf tournament.

Six men were bunched close behind the leaders with 69s. They were Ed Furgol, Bruce Crumpton, Australia, Bill Neary, Peter Thomas of Australia, Doug Ford and Bob Duden.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1, Queen's Road Central Hong Kong, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1957, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1956, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 1st day of March to Friday, the 15th day of March, 1957, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
 MICHAEL W. TURNER,
 Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,
 11th January, 1957.

NOTICE

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

Thirty - Eighth Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Head Office of the Bank, 10, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 9th day of March, 1957, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1956, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Bank will be closed from Saturday, 2nd March, 1957, to Saturday, 9th March, 1957 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
 KAN TONG PO,
 Chief Manager.
 Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1957.

SWEDISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LONDON JUBILEE

London, Mar. 7.

Swedish businessmen in London are preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce here while their King and Queen are in England on an unofficial visit in April.

One of the few public engagements which King Gustav VI Adolf will undertake during his visit is to attend a banquet to be held at the Mansion House on April 16 in celebration of the Jubilee. The importance of the occasion as a milestone in the long and close relationship between Britain and Sweden is emphasised by the fact that His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has also accepted an invitation to attend.

Economic Leaders
 Those present at the banquet will include some of the chief economic and industrial leaders of both Britain and Sweden as well as representatives of official organisations concerned with Anglo-Swedish trade and relations.

It was King Gustav VI Adolf who, as Crown Prince of Sweden, formally opened the present building of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce and its Luncheon Club, on October 12, 1907. The building, on Trinity Square, Tower Hill, stands within a stone's throw of the river which forms part of one of the important shipping lanes linking Britain and Sweden.

Since the war, Sweden has been Britain's most important trading partner in Europe. In past years, the value of their trade has reached over £200,000,000 a year.

Bombed

During World War II, when the Swedish Chamber of Commerce was the headquarters of the British and American consulates in London, it was also the chief

Pilotage Authority of Britain, took over the whole floor while the Chamber's own greatly reduced staff retired to three small cubicles where its essential work was carried on.

In spite of all wartime difficulties, the end of the war found the Chamber's organisation intact and its building relatively little damaged. Enquiries, which had begun to trickle in as far back as 1943, increased in volume. The offices and hall were re-furnished and re-equipped by two Swedish firms with modern, up-to-date furniture while gifts of money made an expansion of activities possible.

Not Feasible

The actual birthday of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce fell on February 11, the date on which, in 1907, it attained full legal status by the grant of the certificate of incorporation by the Board of Trade. This formal incorporation was the culmination of talks and planning which had begun nearly 12 months previously. A declaration of Swedish businessmen came to London to discuss prospects for a Swedish Chamber of Commerce which was proposed to hold in the British capital in the following year.

While the exhibition was found not to be feasible, this meeting of Swedish business leaders turned out to be the first step towards the creation of a Swedish Chamber of Commerce in London.—China Mail Special.

ITALY'S NATO FORCE KEYED TO SOUTHERN DEFENCE

New Blood-Pressure Device-For Pilots



Flying personnel of the German army and Luftwaffe air fleet are using a unique apparatus for testing their blood pressure, heart and other physical reactions. The machine stimulates actual flying conditions by whirling them through the air. The machine, electro-magnetically operated, can reach speeds of 84 revolutions per minute, is installed at the Institute of Flight Medicine in Bonn.—Express Photo.

Eisenhower Doctrine Passed

Washington, Mar. 7.

The House of Representatives today passed a resolution declaring that the United States was willing to resist possible Communist aggression in the Middle East by force if necessary.

The House adopted the Senate version of the resolution which Mr. Eisenhower sought on an urgent basis two months ago. The Senate passed the Bill on Tuesday night, 72-10.

The measure also gives Mr. Eisenhower greater leeway in spending 200 million dollars (£70 million sterling) in military-economic aid in the area between now and July 1. It now goes to the President for signature.—Reuter.

Suez Troop Transfers

Copenhagen, Mar. 7.

The Danish Minister of Defence, Mr. Poul Hansen, said tonight that the question of withdrawing the Scandinavian forces in Suez was discussed at a meeting of the Nordic Foreign Ministers in Oslo last week.

Mr. Hansen said: "At the meeting it was decided to arrange for the present Danish forces in Suez to be relieved by new Danish forces which according to plan will be under United Nations command until the end of October."

Mr. Hansen said that Norway and Sweden had agreed to make the same arrangements regarding their troops in Suez, whereas Finland might be expected to withdraw her forces earlier.—Reuter.

DANISH SHIP TO ENTER AQABA

Jerusalem, Mar. 7.

The Danish ship, Birgitte Toft (3,500 tons) is expected at the Israeli Red Sea port of Eilat on March 20, it was learned tonight.

The ship will be the largest ever to use this port. The Birgitte Toft, coming from Durban, will carry a cargo of groundnuts and foodstuffs. It will sail from Eilat with a cargo of cement for Ceylon or East Africa.—France-Press.

Rome, Mar. 7.

Italy now has the largest armed forces in Europe directly under the command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Reorganised after their defeat in World War II and integrated in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's defence plan, Italy's forces are keyed to defend the strategic Mediterranean area, meeting place of Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The 1947 Peace Treaty between Italy and the "Big Four" wartime allies envisaged Italy as a militarily crippled power. Yet today, six years after the creation of the Atlantic Alliance Forces, Italy has a small but efficient fighting force ready to defend her Alpine frontier.

KEYNOTE

The keynote of Italian defence preparations is "co-operation." The Italian Minister for Defence, Signor Emilio Tassinari, in a recent statement in Parliament, said: "No nation can be self-sufficient in the event of a worldwide conflagration. Italy's defence is guaranteed only in so far as it fits into the picture of the defence of the Atlantic Community."

The Combined Headquarters of Allied Land, Sea and Air Forces, Southern Europe, is at Naples, under the command of Admiral Robert Briscoe, of the United States Navy. It was his predecessor, Admiral Robert Carney, who once said that "war was won or lost in the Mediterranean, and the Mediterranean is defended by defending the Po Valley."

Thirty miles north of the sluggish river Po, at Verona, focal point within Italy's Northern Alpine arc, General Clemente Primiceri commands all Allied land forces in Southern Europe.

Prominent among units under his command are a number of

fully equipped Italian Infantry and armoured divisions, and Alpine brigades.

These forces are concentrated for the defence of a 280-mile arc reaching from Trieste, on the Adriatic coast, along Alpine crags to the point where the Swiss, Austrian and Italian frontiers meet.

But the most potent Allied unit under General Primiceri's command is the United States Southern European Task Force, which is equipped with tactical atomic weapons—the "Long John" and "Corporal" guided missiles with atomic warheads. The force is mainly experimental in scope and is the prototype of units designed to give atomic support to infantry.

SIDE BY SIDE

Italian and United States soldiers train side by side in field exercises involving these weapons, although under United States atomic energy legislation, nuclear weapons may only be operated by American personnel.

Staff officers at Verona welcomed the news given by Mr. Wilson, the United States Secretary of Defence, in Paris on December 14, 1956, that the United States is now prepared to supply non-American forces of the Organisation in Europe with tactical atomic weapons.

He explained that the law prohibited the transfer of nuclear elements to non-American forces, but not their shipment abroad under American control. In the event of a war involving North Atlantic Treaty countries, the United States would immediately make available to non-American forces atomic warheads "for use in missiles like 'Corporal,' fitted either for atomic or conventional warheads."

ITALIAN STRENGTH

A spokesman of the Italian Ministry of Defence outlined the strength of Italian armed forces as at January 1, 1957, as follows:

ARMY—3 armoured divisions, 10 infantry divisions, 5 Alpine brigades.

NAVY—3 cruisers, 9 destroyers, 12 frigates, 5 submarines.

AIR FORCE—7 fighter squadrons, 2 transport and reconnaissance squadrons.

Two more destroyers are expected to be commissioned during 1957. Italian-made earth-to-air guided missiles for anti-aircraft defence have been successfully tested and will be taken into service soon, while the essentials of a nationwide radar network have been completed.

Many millions of American dollars have helped Italy to rebuild her armed forces—most notably through the offshore procurement programme by which Italian industry, financed by United States aid, has produced weapons and aircraft for Italian defence.

An anti-aircraft gun described as the most complex weapon ever developed by co-operation between nations of the Atlantic Community was recently completed here after two and a half years of intensive research by engineering experts not only of the United States and Italy, but also of six other member nations of the Community.

WINGED LION

Italy has herself devoted large sums to defence. Since 1949, the year in which she joined the Atlantic Pact, Italy's annual defence budget has soared from £172,000,000 to £229,000,000 for the 1955-57 financial year.

Of this latter sum, slightly less than half was devoted to the army.

Italian soldiers under the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Command, Southern Europe, wear the winged Lion of Saint Mark as their symbol—the lion which for centuries in the past represented the power of the Most Serene Republic of Venice. They are determined, side by side with their comrades in arms from the other countries of the Atlantic Community, successfully to defend the civilisation which owes back to those times.—China Mail Special.

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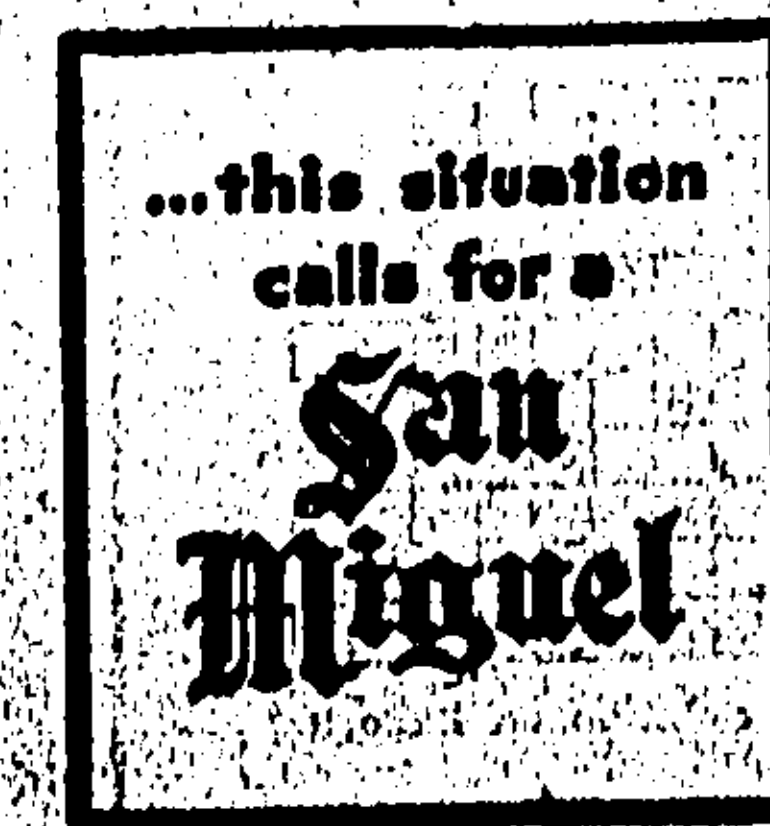
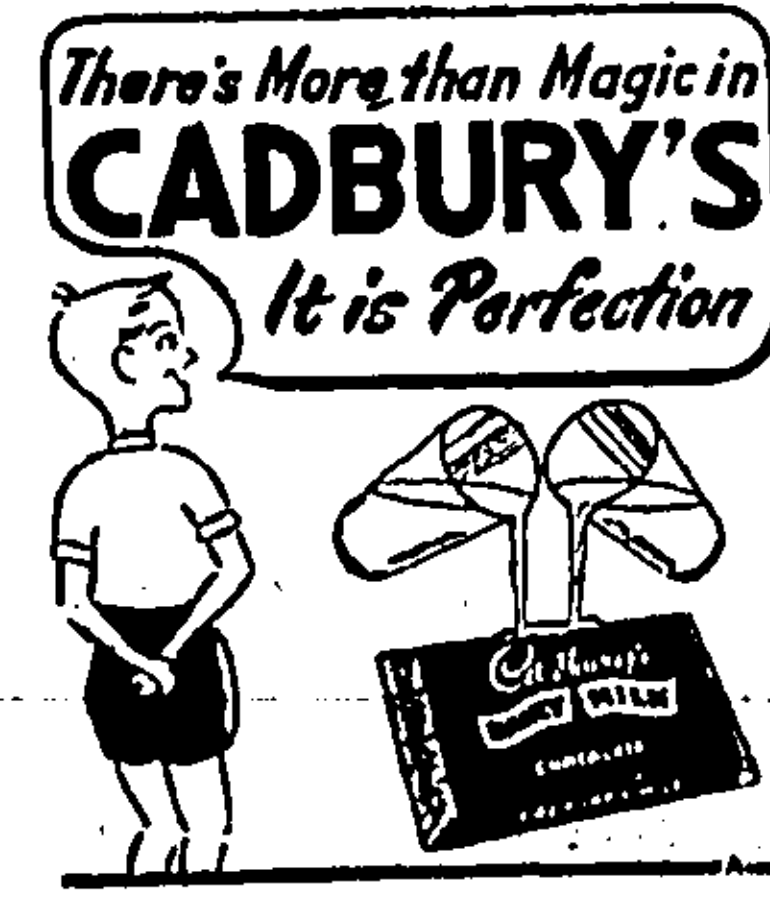
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

STOCK EXCHANGE AGAIN DULL

Turnover Drops To \$2.5 Million

MIDDLE EAST NEWS

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Good balance sheets, good dividends but the Hongkong Stock Exchange continued dull this week.

Turnover dropped from just over \$3 million to slightly more than \$2.5 million of which \$943,000 was transacted yesterday.

Brokers are at a loss to explain why.

One possibility is that the market was waiting for the news of the Israeli withdrawal from Egyptian territory. There may have been some fears that the continued presence in Sharm el Sheikh and Gaza threatened a new conflagration.

NEW HIGH

If this is so, yesterday's increased activity might have been due to the news that the Israeli Parliament had approved Mr. David Ben-Gurion's withdrawal policy.

The only other factor was a rather vague one and that money may be going into other forms of investment, without specifying which form.

Looking at the market this week, the tally is not steady, the previous week there were nine lower and six higher, the previous week there were nine lower and six higher.

Hongkong Banks closed so lower on the week yesterday with an afternoon sale of 10 at \$1500. Unions and Lombards were steady.

Hongkong Wharf rose to a new high at \$102 under new demand and Docks dropped down from their \$48½ peak to close at \$47½ middle. Providents are steady at \$13.30.

BACK TO \$10

In the utility section, Trans-China Light and Telephone all closed fractionally higher. The two Ferry companies and Electric are steady. China Light and Electric rose slightly last Friday on the news that Government did not intend to intervene in the companies' decision to raise the surcharge from nine to 18 per cent, but dropped back soon after.

Wheelock Mardens are fractionally off at \$6.85. Hongkong and Far East Investment have climbed back to the \$10 mark.

Beyond this there is nothing particular to report apart from the balance sheet of Hongkong Telephone which was described by two brokers as "very good".

\$2 MILLION RISE

The company shows a profit of \$6.3 million against \$4.3 million in 1955. Its plans for expansion indicate that this year's figures should be better still.

Hongkong Electric announce a \$12.2 million profit against \$11.9 million last year. Vibro Piling announce a profit of \$744,170 which is double last year's figure of \$351,722.

Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels announce a dividend of \$1 which though unchanged was disappointing to the market. In 1955 the company paid a \$2.50 cash bonus following the sale of its Pedder Street site for \$11 million, in addition to the dividend.

'IN DOLDRUMS'

Here is an authoritative Ice House Street account of the market this week:

The Stock Market appears to have lapsed into the doldrums again and business during the past week has been at a low ebb with the total turnover amounting to only about \$2.5 million.

There does not appear to be any particular reason for the apparent lack of interest especially in view of the numerous dividends recently announced most of which have been quite satisfactory.

With the market in its present state, price changes generally have been negligible. Both light and power company shares improved slightly following the an-

ouncement that Government would not interfere with the increased surcharge rates but they slid back almost as quickly in a dull market which lacked support.

Hotels fell back quite sharply on disappointing dividend news.

Utility shares have kept quite steady. More than 5,000 Hongkong Land shares changed hands yesterday between \$63½ and \$64, following last week's announcement of an almost \$2 million increase in profit.

MARKET DIARY

There is a diary of the market this week.

Friday: Slight appreciation of a China Light and Electric and Hongkong Electric following the news that Government would not interfere with increased surcharge rates. T.O. \$943,000.

Monday: Quiet and featureless. T.O. \$390,000.

Tuesday: Featureless. T.O. \$392,000.

Wednesday: Trading at a bare minimum. T.O. \$17,000.

Thursday: No material change. Trading on moderate scale with Lands well supported. T.O. \$943,000.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$200,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HONGKONG BANKS			
Bank of China	1000		1000
Bank of Communications	242		242
Bank of India	626		626
Bank of Japan	626		626
Bank of Korea	626		626
Bank of London	626		626
Bank of Mexico	626		626
Bank of New York	626		626
Bank of Paris	626		626
Bank of Portugal	626		626
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